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Another out-of-town development for Ely?

EXCLUSIVE
BY JORDAN DAY

MAMMOTH plans are being drawn up to build another out-of-town leisure and retail development in Ely.

Ely News can reveal that Cambridge-based development company, Cambridge Property Group, wants to built a multi-million pound scheme on land off the Downham Road A10 Bypass.

Bosses at East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) say they are "surprised" by the announcement and that it is the first they have heard about the proposals.

But the company says it has been in discussion with "many relevant interests" and that the major plans will be submitted in the spring.

According to the firm, the proposals will include building a six-screen multiplex cinema, a variety of retail units and a swimming pool and leisure village on the land.

But the company is also hoping that Tesco could be swayed to build a new store there instead of on the proposed Octagon Park development in Angel Drove.

A spokesman for the firm said: "We are pleased to make this announcement following initial support from so many relevant interests. We are continuing to have discussions as we finalise our exciting plans.

"The site is best located to serve Ely's future needs, in particular its ambitious housing growth to the north.

"It will deliver a comprehensive solution accommodating many requirements in one place that the city needs.

"These include the multiplex cinema, leisure village and facilitating Tesco's relocation, thus freeing up the Station Gateway redevelopment."

Existing sports and football facilities on the land would be "extended and enhanced nearby", according to the spokesman.

He said: "We will be bringing our proposals forward early in the spring.

"We are confident that they will be seen as the best and most effective package of leisure, sporting and retail facilities to help Ely flourish and grow."

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Plans are currently underway for another out-of-town development – Octagon Park – to be built in the south of the city in Angel Drove.

The scheme, submitted by Healy Investments Ltd, has been in the pipeline for years and is currently in the hands of planners at the district council.

The proposals, which have proved to be extremely controversial to date, involve building a new, larger Tesco store in Angel Drove, as well as a petrol station, a DIY store, a restaurant, six retail units, a hotel, pub and offices.

Speaking about Cambridge Property Group's announcement, John Hill, chief executive at ECDC, said: "As the major landowner at this site, we are very surprised to read this statement as we are at an advanced stage with our preferred developer to bring a multiplex cinema there.

"We have not held any talks with the Cambridge Property Group regarding their plans nor received any planning application for a food store on the land the authority owns at this location."

Nobody from Tesco was available to comment.

Look at our brand new school!

SOHAM'S multi-million pound new primary school opened its doors to the first set of pupils this week. Turn to page 3 for the full story.

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Get fit and have fun with salsa!

STRICTLY SALSA: Vira Hazelwood is launching new dance classes in Ely and Little Downham

'STRICTLY Come Dancing' fans listen up.

Professional dancer Vira Hazelwood is launching new salsa classes in Ely.

Mum-of-two Vira, who is from Russia but now lives with her family in Little Downham, will be holding the classes at the Octagon Dance Studios in High Street.

Vira, a competitive ballroom and Latin dancer, said: "The classes will be held every Friday from 8-9pm. They are for both men and women and you don't need to come with a partner.

"I want to see people of all ages and abilities learning the salsa – it's great fun and so good for you."

The classes are being launched on Friday, January 17 and cost £40 for a five-week course.

In February, Vira will also be launching rock 'n' roll classes at Little Downham Village Hall. Starting on February 10, they will be held every Monday from 8.45-9.45pm. Call Vira on 07743 346787 or the studios on (01353) 661919.

Art crimes to be explored in talk

'ART Crimes of the 20th Century' is the title of the Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society's next talk.

The talk is being hosted by Heather Birchall, curator of historical fine art and a specialist in 19th and 20th century British art, at the Old Palace, in Palace Green, Ely, on Thursday, January 16.

The event will look back at some of the most high profile cases of art crime in the last century, such as the 1911 theft of Mona Lisa and the 1914 mutilation of The Rokeby Venus.

The talk starts at 7.30pm and non-members of the society are welcome.

For more information, visit www.elydfas.org.uk.

Posh bargains

A JUNK sale with a twist is being held in Ely this weekend.

A 'posh jumble sale' is being held at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be everything from books to designer clothing up for grabs at the sale, which is from 12-4pm on both days. Entry is free.

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US-style restaurant in former Boathouse

JORDAN DAY

AN American-style steakhouse and grill is just weeks away from opening its doors in Ely.

Steve and Jo Haslam, who own The Cutter, in Waterside, bought The Boathouse – one of the city's most exquisite restaurants located just a stone's throw away – last autumn.

The Boathouse's former owners, Cambscuisine, put the restaurant on the market in early 2013 after running it for eight years.

Speaking to *Ely News* at the time, Mr and Mrs Haslam, who run seven pub/restaurants under the name TLC Inns, said they would be announcing "exciting" plans for The Boathouse in the early New Year.

And now it has been revealed that the venue is to be transformed into an American-style steakhouse and grill, serving dishes such as steaks, ribs and burgers.

The restaurant will be called Grand Central Ely. Around £250,000 is being spent on the refurbishment and all staff who were employed at The Boathouse will keep their jobs.

Mr Haslam, who has run The Cutter for around seven years, said: "We're extremely excited about this and judging by the feedback we've received already, so are local people.

"Ely has a fantastic eating out scene now compared to what it had a few years ago when, to be honest, the majority of people went out of town to dine.

"But the majority of restaurants are pubs or Italian eateries.

"We felt there was a huge gap in the market for an American-style grill which doesn't just serve your pizzas and pastas but steaks, burgers, ribs and shrimps.

"We have a Grand Central restaurant in Basildon and it has gone down an absolute storm there. We're confident it will be just as popular in Ely.

"The Boathouse closed its doors on Sunday and the builders have now moved in.

"The refurb is costing around £250,000 and is expected to take around six weeks so we hope to open Grand Central Ely's doors by the end of February. The place will be totally unrecognisable."

Mr Haslam said all eight staff employed at The Boathouse have kept their jobs and that the revamp will create around 15 new ones.

He said: "We want Grand Central Ely to be a place where not only families can come and enjoy great food but also a little bit of a party venue where groups can come and have a good time.

"Our aim is to make it that place which Ely's stunning Riverside has really been crying out for for some time."

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Inquest opens after man hit by car

AN inquest has been opened into the death of an Eastern European man who was hit by a car in Ely.

Edmundas Lymantas, 34, of Aldeman Drive, Peterborough, died when he was struck by a car in Angel Drove on December 1.

An inquest into his death was opened in Huntingdon on Friday, January 3.

The cause of death was given as unascertained and the inquest was adjourned until May 14.

Three men arrested in hare coursing incident

THREE men have been arrested in connection with a hare coursing incident near Stretham.

Police were called to land near the village just before noon on Sunday after a group of men were spotted in the field with dogs chasing a hare.

Officers arrived within minutes, chased after the men and three were arrested.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said that the three men have been bailed.

Over 60s group's new meeting spot

A GROUP for the over 60s has a temporary new meeting place.

For the next six months, the recently-formed North Ely Over 60s group will be meeting at the Castle Hotel in New Barns Road, Ely, instead of at the Larkfields Centre.

The first meeting is being held tomorrow (Jan 10) from 10am-12pm and will include bingo and board games.

Soham's third primary school opens its doors

SOHAM'S eagerly-awaited new primary school threw its doors open this week.

After years of planning and building work, The Shade Primary School welcomed its first clutch of pupils on Tuesday.

The school, which is being run by the Staploe Education Trust, has been operating out of a temporary building at the town's Weatheralls Primary School since last September.

The school, which takes Soham's total number of primary schools to three, is currently catering for 32 Reception-aged children, split into two classes.

Lisa Gregory, who is head of The Shade and Kennett Primary School, also operated by the trust, said: "I can't explain how amazing it is to have moved into The Shade.

"We've been at The Weatheralls for a few months which has been great as it really enabled the children to settle in.

"They were so excited to move into the new building, as were we. It's stunning and it's fantastic to be teaching and learning in such state-of-the-art surroundings."

The multi-million pound new facilities, built to provide places for the ever-increasing number of primary school children in East Cambridgeshire, will accept another class of children in September, and every year on from then.

Miss Gregory was the former assistant head teacher at Soham's St Andrew's Primary School.

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

FUTURE'S BRIGHT: Headteacher Lisa Gregory with some of the pupils

NEWS IN BRIEF

Taking a trip down memory lane

'REFLECTIONS on the Ouse from Ely to Littleport' is the title of the Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely tomorrow.

Historian Mike Petty is hosting the picture-led talk at Ely Library from 10am-12.30pm.

Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 648106 for more information.

Bin fire sparks 999 callout in Ely

A BIN caught light in Ely and the flames spread to a fence.

Firefighters were called to the blaze in Columbine Road at around 3.55pm last Thursday.

One crew attended and arrived to find the fire had spread to a fence. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Diary date for astronomy fans

ELY Astronomy Club's next meeting is being held tomorrow.

Mike Stephens will be hosting the talk, entitled 'Once Upon a Spacetime', at Ely Museum's Vernon Cross Meeting Room.

It starts at 7.30pm and new members are welcome.

Email mike@sulis.demon.co.uk for more information.

Bid away at next auction in city

ROWLEY'S next auction is being held on Saturday.

The auction of antiques, paintings, silver, furniture, jewellery and collectables is held at the auction house in Downham Road, Ely, once a month.

The sale starts at 10am and viewing takes place from 9am-7pm on the Friday.

Call (01353) 653020 for more information.

'Wrong name' declared as winner of Tory vote

BY CHRIS HAVERGAL

CONSERVATIVES have been rocked by bombshell claims that the wrong candidate was announced as the winner of a parliamentary selection primary.

The real winner of last month's vote to find a prospective MP in South East Cambridgeshire was businesswoman Heidi Allen, not barrister Lucy Frazer, activists have claimed.

A meeting of the local party has been called for Friday to decide whether to confirm Ms Frazer as the candidate to succeed retiring Sir Jim Paice.

The complaints focus on allegations that ballots for Ms Allen were incorrectly allocated to Ms Frazer, according to two sources.

The *News* has been told that in the, third, final round of voting between the pair, a pile of 25 votes was marked as being for Ms Frazer, when in fact only the top two papers were – with the rest being for Ms Allen.

Ms Frazer was subsequently announced as the winner and, while the numbers were not announced at the primary, the *News* understands this was on a margin of 84 to 48.

If 23 of Ms Frazer's votes were actually due to Ms Allen, Ms Allen would have won by 71 to 61.

ERROR: Lucy Fazer, left, was announced as the winner, but it should have been Heidi Allen, right, it has been claimed

It is thought the alleged error was discovered after an activist who took the ballot papers home from the primary decided to recount them.

A letter to local members from association president Brian Ashton, seen by the *News*, said: "Although the original count took place in the normal way and was witnessed by others, during the following week unsubstantiatable suggestions were made to officers that the ballot result announced at that meeting was incorrect.

"Given that no-one else was present when the ballot papers were recounted, your officers are not able to verify beyond doubt the validity of these claims."

Ms Frazer's victory surprised some members because Ms Allen allegedly received in excess of 60 votes during the first two rounds of voting, when Charlotte Vere and Paul Bristowe were eliminated from contention.

One member, who asked not to be named, said: "We have no option but to declare the result null and void, and to start again. It is the only right thing to do."

Local and national party officials have not commented on the specific allegations but, in a sign of how seriously they are being taken, Friday's meeting will be attended by national nominating officer Paul Mabbutt and head of candidates Gareth Fox.

A Conservative Party spokesman said: "This is an internal party matter which is currently being investigated."

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Join in on Mepal Molly Men Plough Monday celebrations

PLOUGH Monday is being celebrated in East Cambridgeshire next week.

The Mepal Molly Men will be out in force to mark the annual celebration on Monday, January 13, which is the traditional start of the English agricultural year.

The troop will be performing at Mepal and Witcham Primary School at 10.30am, Sutton Primary School at 11am and at Robert Arkenstall Primary School in Haddenham at 11.30am.

They will then be at the Red Lion public house in Stretham from 1-2pm, on Haddenham village green at approximately 2.15pm and on Ely Market Square at 4.15pm.

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FIGHTING BACK: Nato Ficarra pictured with some of the pupils

Anti-bully project's anniversary

A PROJECT which sees a three-times European karate champion helping young people fight the problem of bullying is celebrating its first anniversary.

Ely-based fighter Nato Ficarra, who has won every single one of the 120 fights he has fought in, joined forces with Witchford Village College last January.

The scheme sees him visiting the school on a regular basis to talk about and demonstrate the martial art in a bid to beat bullying and boost pupils' confidence.

It was only meant to be an eight-week pilot but was such a success that it has become a permanent arrangement.

Nato said: "The project is not just about kicking and punching, it's about shaping the children's personalities and building their confidence.

"Learning martial arts can help a young person achieve anything."

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College goes Gold

JORDAN DAY

STUDENTS and staff at Ely College are starting the New Year on a high after being awarded a Gold Investors in People Award.

The college hosted an independent evaluation team from EMB-X, who carried out an assessment of its performance against the IiP framework in strategic planning, leadership and management, culture and communications, developing people and performance improvement in December.

According to the report, 187 of the 196 requirements were met, which is more than the 165 needed to meet the Gold award.

The assessors said: "This is to be congratulated especially as the college is in the midst of great change and has successfully engaged people who are very committed to supporting ongoing improvements."

The last assessment was carried out in 2010 when the college achieved a Bronze award.

Ben Gibbs, chair of governors at the college, said: "This is a fantastic start to the new year for the college, and is a richly deserved recognition of the hard work and dedication of all staff.

"This award demonstrates the total commitment of our teachers, support staff and school leaders, both to improving student achievement and creating a learning organisation that best meets the needs of its changing community."

Inspectors said the school's culture was one of "openness and trust".

They added: "The majority of people were very complimentary about their manager's effectiveness through regular communications, involvement in decisions, appreciation of good work and support for development and ideas.

"People from different backgrounds and experiences are recruited including less conventional promotions to create a diverse community to benefit the students.

"People's descriptions of what it's like to work at the college were extremely positive and new starters and role changers felt that their induction covered their needs so that they could contribute early on."

ACTION NEEDED: Lesley Macer pictured at the spot on the A142 Soham Bypass where the accident happened. With her is local councillor Colin Fordham, who is also calling for action

Latest crash sparks fresh safety calls

JORDAN DAY

A HORRIFIC car accident on the A142 Soham Bypass has sparked fresh calls for a new roundabout to be built on the "treacherous" route.

It was on Boxing Day that eight people were involved in a three-vehicle collision at the junction near to where the old garden centre used to be.

Thankfully, nobody was killed in the collision, although many did suffer injuries.

But residents say "enough is enough" and are demanding that a new roundabout - or more than one - is built on the bypass, which has claimed numerous lives over the years.

Rachel Parker, of Hasse Road, Soham, said: "Yet again there is another serious accident on the A142 where at least one other life could have easily been lost.

"There are accident after accident and there have been so many fatalities over the years but still there are no talks of us getting another roundabout.

"We need at least one new roundabout between the Fordham Road roundabout and the one at The Shade - that's the only way we're going to slow drivers down and stop these accidents from happening on this treacherous road."

Lesley Macer, of Queensway, Soham, has been calling for the A142 to be made safer ever since her daughter suffered horrendous life changing injuries in a car accident on the route.

Samantha Cracknell was 38-years-old when she was involved in a two-vehicle collision on the bypass in July 2009.

The mum-of-three, whose children were all in the car at the time, suffered multiple injuries and as a result now lives at a specialist care home in Doddington, where she requires 24-hour care.

Lesley, 60, says at least one new roundabout is needed. She said: "How many more accidents must happen before the council decides this stretch of road needs at least one roundabout?

"I live close to the bypass and I can hear the acceleration of some of the traffic speeding between the roundabouts at either end.

"The council needs to do something to make the bypass safer before someone else is killed or seriously injured like my Samantha."

A Cambridgeshire County Council spokesman said: "We are happy to consider representations from people about improving the safety of Cambridgeshire's roads which could be implemented from the resources available to the authority.

"There is also the ability for local organisations such as parish or town councils to make a financial contribution to any agreed changes to a road's layout."

Shoplifting campaign results in six arrests

SIX people were caught shoplifting in Ely during a special police crackdown.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary ran the Operation Wicket campaign throughout December in a bid to clamp down on shoplifting in the run up to Christmas.

Shoplifting in the city has always been an issue, particularly during the festive period.

Sgt Will Davis, who is based in Ely, said: "Extra resources were on foot on identified days and times where offences have spiked in the past.

"We worked with the shopkeepers and the local CCTV throughout the month.

"I can confirm that we had a total of six offences, all of which resulted in prosecutions.

"This is a very low figure compared to previous years where we average in the mid twenties."

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Good Samaritans

I WOULD like to send my thanks to the young couple who rescued my Italian friend on December 23 on a dark, wet, cold evening when she missed her bus stop in Ely whilst travelling from Cambridge.
She had no idea where she was when told by the bus driver to get off, cross the road and catch another bus back to Ely.
This couple were joining the road in their vehicle after seeing to their horses and very kindly bought her safely to my door at Fourth Drove, Little Downham, and were gone before I could thank them.
True Good Samaritans.
Barbara Hobbs
Fourth Drove
Little Downham

Word of thanks

I WOULD like to say a very sincere thank you to all those people who came to my assistance when I collapsed in Café Nero in Ely just before Christmas.
The staff in there were absolutely brilliant, calling the emergency services immediately, sending for my son, making me as comfortable as possible and providing my husband and the paramedics with coffee.
Thanks also to customers, especially Nan Staines, who supported me on the floor at great discomfort to herself.
Ruth E. Dennis

We're recycling less now

I AM just sending a response to the letter from K Wardle to explain that my letter was relating to the fact that we are recycling less with the wheelie bins. Yes they are bigger than the black boxes but when we had those we could put out all of our recycling, not just that that fitted in the bin, which for my family is less. With the black boxes you could fill the box and put out additional cardboard boxes and bags of recycling and they would all be taken. I am now putting out more black bin bags of rubbish.
Looking at other people leaving out 'additional' recycling next to their wheelie bins I am not alone in this.
Kathryn Rowland
Ely

No more bland statements

OH to eavesdrop on our Post Office Regional Network Manager's annual performance review; will she be praised for bland statements about our Post Office situation *(Ely News* the last two editions) or brought to task for allowing the current situation to develop? I suspect the former but I recognise that Julia Marwood is a product of the weak management culture that is all too evident in state-run organisations where action seems low down on the list but they are all working hard making bland statements.
Perhaps the *Ely News* could run a competition with our local primary schools, a valuable educational project which would produce realistic solutions within two weeks. How about the Post Office taking up this challenge as well?
The suggestion that a local retailer could take on the post office is ludicrous given that it has been established that the convenience store is not large enough.
Presumably the management have walked around Ely and seen that it is one of the bigger local shops! I cannot see our local national retailers giving over space for a post office as it would not fit in with their business plans.
The suggestion that two retailers each have a smaller post office goes against improving the service – we used to have a post office with seven counter positions and smaller offices such as the One Stop Shop; services were supposed to improve by having the central post office and more staff!
We are told that at some stage we need another six week public consultation – we don't. All indications are that the people of Ely identified the need for a proper Post Office on one of the empty shops; it simply needs the management to have a day trip and identify which one is most suitable.
The problem is that the Post Office does not want to spend the money on this solution and so the people of Ely will continue to use the 'temporary' car park office. I hope the council are charging full business rates as well as a steadily increasing rent on this prime site to encourage the Post Office to move to permanent premises.
The bland statement about having the largest modernisation investment programme in its history has also appeared in national press adverts but it does not seem to be benefiting Ely. On a nostalgic note, our old post office always reminded me of my local office when I was a boy in a northern town in the fifties – the display of items for sale seemed very much the same so modernisation is needed!
Terry Hayes
Ely

Special treat for diet consultants

TWO Slimming World consultants met comedian and TV presenter Paddy McGuinness at a special awards ceremony.
Sharon Heaps, who runs groups in Littleport and Swaffham Prior, and Karen Roe, who runs groups in Ely, met Paddy when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards in Birmingham with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.
Paddy said: "I was amazed to hear about what a difference consultants like Sharon and Karen make to people's lives. I met lots of people who'd lost incredible amounts of weight and it had totally changed their lives."
Visit www.slimmingworld.com.

TAKE ME OUT: Host Paddy McGuinness pictured with Sharon, left, and Karen at the Slimming World awards ceremony

Yes, a missed opportunity

YES, this was a missed opportunity for the Croylands site (letters, last week).
It would have brought more business to Ely.
Those people who were against the development of the Croylands building came up with all sorts of disapproval's and the final one was there are great crested newts in the pond there.
Sorry but newts live in water and this pond is empty – how can they live there?
Now it will just go in to disrepair and in time it will not be worth renovating, and then the bulldozers will move in and down it comes and then it will be built on with more than one house or modern flats.
I totally agree with Mr James Wallis... a very big missed opportunity for Ely. But people have had their say and it looks as if they have won so far.
Eddie Holden
Ely Road
Little Downham

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A night in the (Science) Museum!

SCOUTS enjoyed a fun-filled night of experiments at the London Science Museum.
A total of 17 cub scouts from Witchford and Haddenham spent the night learning about how blood works in the human body, enjoying some explosive demonstrations and making their own loudspeaker to take home with them.
Scout leader Chris Lowe said: "The cubs had a great time. Where else could you sleep next to a lunar scene with moon lander and astronaut suits?"

SORRY: Richard Lee has resigned after his lies were revealed

Founder of Spartan Race quits over lies

ELEANOR BUSBY

A FOUNDER of one of the country's toughest obstacle courses has resigned – after lying about passing out as a Royal Marines officer.

Spartan Race UK co-founder Richard Lee, who lives just outside Ely, has apologised after he continually claimed to be a former Royal Marines officer from the Commando Training Centre (CTC) in Lympstone.

Mr Lee, 31, had made the false claims after the Cambridge Spartan Sprint, held at Carver Barracks, near Saffron Walden, in August.

The former licensee and operator of Spartan Races, who resigned on New Year's Eve, admitted that he underwent Young Officer Training at CTC but did not finish.

The lies prompted an angry response from former servicemen who revealed the truth on the Facebook page, The Walter Mitty Hunters Club HQ – an organisation which investigates people who falsely claim they served in the Armed Forces.

A spokesman for the group said: "People like Lee insult the hard work and reputation of our armed forces. They use lies to gain advantage from the inspecting and by doing so give a misleading impression."

Mr Lee, who grew up in Stretham and went to King's Ely, said: "I was wrong, I am sorry, and I want to apologise for the fact that I publicised that I had passed out as a Royal Marines Commando Officer."

Mr Lee said he went through selection to become a Young Officer in the Royal Marines in 2006 and started training the next year.

He added that during his 18-month course, in 2008, he broke his kneecap and when he returned to CTCRM, a medical officer determined that he was unfit to continue his training.

Mr Lee said: "This was a huge blow, as even from a young age, I was inspired by family members who were in the Royal Marines.

"I have the utmost respect for members of the military, and even during my own time training, I felt a huge sense of accomplishment."

Joe De Sena, founder and CEO of Spartan Race, confirmed that he and Mr Lee concluded that the "only honourable thing" for him to do was to resign.

Drink drive figures down on last year

FEWER people were caught drink driving in Cambridgeshire this Christmas.

Officers stopped more than 6,000 motorists and arrested 96 people, compared to a total of 120 arrests last year.

The Christmas campaign ran from December 1 until December 31.

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Deaths

HARROD Michael

Brian Gore.

Sadly passed away on Monday, 30th December, 2013, aged 81 years. Retired Police Officer and former School Sergeant at the Kings School, Ely. Much loved by Carolyn, Bev, Mark, John and Adam. He will be greatly missed. Funeral service at 9.15am, on Tuesday, 14th January, at Mintlyn Crematorium, Lynn Road, Kings Lynn. PE32 1HB, followed by a celebration of his life at The Prince Albert in Silver Street, Ely, from 11.00am. All friends and former colleagues most welcome to both. No dress code. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Society or RSPCA can be made at the service or sent to, John Lincoln Funeral Directors, 40 Greevegate, Hunstanton, Norfolk. PE36 6AG. Tel: 01485 534421

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PEARCE Maurice James (Biff)

The family of the late Maurice Pearce would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages of sympathy, gave donations and attended the funeral.

A total sum received for the Prostate Cancer Fund at Addenbrooke's Hospital £1197.31

Thank you to the district nurses for their excellent care of Maurice, together with Ely Funeral Services and the Reverend Bruce Curry for their kindness and support.

Please accept this as the only but most sincere acknowledgment.

SAMUEL Vivian

Barry and the family of the late Vivian, wish to express their sincere thanks for cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss. A special thank you to all who attended the funeral service and gave donations in memory of Vivian for Cancer Research UK and HEART, which amounts to £476 to date. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement

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Deaths

BUTCHER Molly

of Ely, formerly of Pymoor, sadly passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital, on Tuesday, 31st December, 2013, aged 88 years. Wife of the late Leslie, dearly loved mum of Patricia and Norman and the late Linda, much loved by her sister Joyce and her seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral service to be arranged, for details please contact Ely Funeral Service. Tel: 01353 880555

MAUGHAN Carol

of Ely, much loved mum of Lee and Darren, also a dear mother-in-law, grandma and sister, peacefully at her home on Tuesday, 31st December, 2013. Funeral service and committal 11.30am, at Fenland Crematorium, March, on Thursday, 23rd January. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, made payable to Hospice at Home, may be sent to Richard Stebbings Funeral Service Ltd, Kendal House, Cambridge Road, Impington Cambridge. CB24 9YS. Tel: 01223 232309

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CCTV images released after robbery

JORDAN DAY

DETECTIVES have released CCTV stills of men they want to trace in connection with a robbery in Soham on New Year's Eve.

Two men wearing dark clothing snatched a cash box from a G4S security guard outside Lloyds Bank in Churchgate Street, Soham, at around 12.42pm as he walked away from the rear of his van.

The offenders ran off towards Fountain Lane and were seen leaving the area on a yellow and orange motorbike. It is not known how much money was inside the cash box at the time.

DC Paul Atkinson, of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, said: "There were a number of people in the area at the time of the incident and I would urge anyone who witnessed the robbery to get in touch.

"I'm also keen to hear from anyone who has any information about those responsible."

A spokesman for G4S said they too were investigating.

He said: "We are working with the police so that those responsible for this incident can be made accountable for their actions in court."

Anyone with information is urged to call DC Atkinson on 101 or Crimestopppers on 0800 555111.

CCTV: One of the images released by police

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

WINTER WARMERS: Tour guide Alan Williams, centre, with four people who joined in on one of the guided walks

Taking a step back in time

RESIDENTS burnt off some post-Christmas calories while learning a little bit of history too when Ely's Oliver Cromwell House hosted Christmas Combination Tours.

The walks saw people being given guided tours around Ely, as well as tours around the historic house by characters in costume.

A spokesman for Ely's tourist information centre said: "Our Christmas Combination Tours were well attended and we were really pleased.

"People were given a tour around the city where they were not only able to enjoy the sights and sounds but also learn more about Ely's history and heritage.

"Once back at Oliver Cromwell House they then enjoyed a coffee and a pastry before being given a tour around the house with a guide in costume."

More guided walks are being launched at the house in February. For more information, call (01353) 662062 or go to www.visitely.eastcambs.gov.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Donate blood in Soham

A BLOOD donor session is being held in Soham on Wednesday, January 15.

People will be able to donate their red stuff at the town's Walter Gidney Pavilion, in Fountain Lane, from 1-3.15pm and 4.30-7pm. Call 0300 123 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk for more information.

Diary date for wildlife lovers

'CRICKETS and Grasshoppers' is the title of a talk taking place in Ely on Friday, January 17.

Brian Eversham, chief executive of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, is hosting the illustrated talk at Ely Museum's Vernon Cross Room.

It starts at 7.45pm and has been organised by the Ely Local Group of the Wildlife Trust.

Make new friends over lunch

SOHAM Lunch Club next meets on Monday, January 13.

The club meets at the Cherry Tree public house, in Fordham Road, on alternate Mondays from 12.30-2.30pm.

Call 07827 966475 for more information.

Fun with fossils and dinosaurs

'LIFE Before Man' is the name of a children's event being held at Ely Library on Saturday. Ely Wildlife Watch, the junior branch of the Wildlife Trust, is hosting the event, starting at 1.45pm.

Youngsters will be able to find out about Icthyosaurs and other creatures which lived in the sea millions of years ago, make casts of fossils, build a timeline for life before man and other dinosaur related activities. The group is asking for a donation of £1 per child.

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Greater protection for dogs as Isle Vets introduce new vaccine to protect against deadly disease

Local Vets, The Isle Veterinary Centre have introduced an important new vaccine for a distressing disease in dogs called Canine leptospirosis. Previous vaccines were only able to protect dogs against two known strains of the disease but new strains of infection, not covered by conventional vaccines, are now being seen. The new vaccine provided by vets at Isle Vets will now protect dogs against four strains of leptospirosis giving a much broader defence against the rise of this potentially fatal disease.

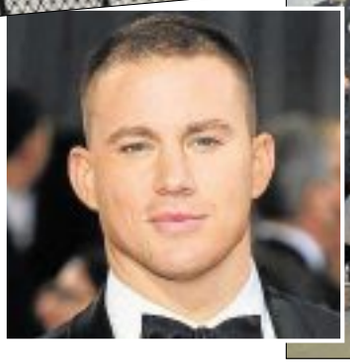
Vet Rosanne Smith explains, "The Leptospirosis bacteria are passed in the urine of rats or other rodents which may carry the infection. The bacteria survive particularly well in damp environments such as ponds and slow moving watercourses where rats may be commonly found." Rosanne continues, "There is a significant rat population in the UK, and additionally the shift in disease that appears to be occurring means that the risk may be more widespread than previously thought. The new vaccine now provides important protection against the most common strains affecting dogs in UK and Mainland Europe."

Vets have become increasingly concerned that a number of dog owners have fallen behind with vaccination against common infectious diseases in the UK. Rosanne confirms, "We need to get the message through to all owners as unfortunately there are still a large number of dogs which have never been vaccinated or whose vaccinations have lapsed. Significant outbreaks of disease have already been seen in some parts of the country when levels of immunity fall below those that control disease spread and so it is vitally important not to become complacent about vaccinating your dog." Rosanne continues, "Vaccination is only part of the preventive health picture, if dogs are missing vaccination boosters they are also losing out on the opportunity for general health checks which are extremely valuable in spotting health problems at an early stage where treatment is possible."

"As vets we are trained to help sick and injured animals but preventive care has to be the best care and regular vaccinations and health checks are by far the best way an owner can actively help their dog's long term health." says Rosanne.

Singing the praises

BUSY SCHEDULE: Footballer Darren Bent's wedding to Kirsty Maclaren at the cathedral in June, far left. Gareth Malone filmed *The Choir: Sing While You Work* at the cathedral, below; left, Mila Kunis and Channing Tatum were there to shoot *Jupiter Ascending* in April; Rock legend and classical musician Ian Anderson performed the Christmas Jethro Tull in December



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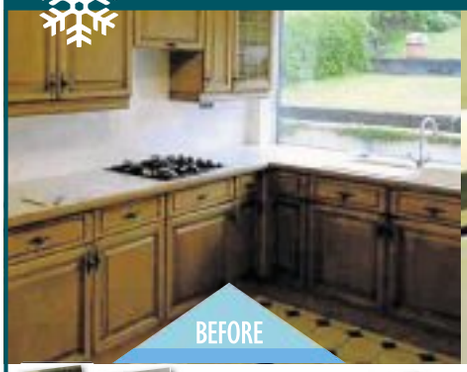

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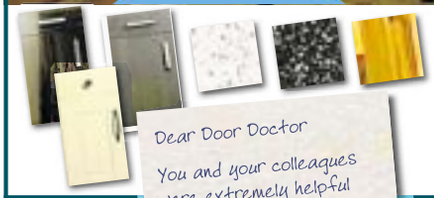

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# of cathedral's eventful year

It's been a busy and exciting year for Ely Cathedral, as reporter JORDAN DAY reports

WHITE CHRISTMAS: The Winter Wonderland concert in December, above, included fake snow landing on the singers
Left: The spectatcular flower festival was held in June

STEEPED in history and architecturally stunning, Ely Cathedral is one of the most famous buildings in the land.

But 2013 saw it making headlines across the world in what many would describe as its most successful year to date.

The cathedral, known as the Ship of the Fens because of the way it towers above the surrounding landscape, always has an action-packed programme of activities and events, whether that be the annual Wood Green pet service (complete with alpacas), talks by famous authors or concerts by musicians from across the globe.

But it was in April that the cathedral was at the centre of a media frenzy bigger than anyone could have ever imagined.

Global movie giant Warner Bros chose to film scenes for its next big blockbuster, Jupiter Ascending, there.

It might have been the sixth time that Ely was used as a location for a movie, with The King's Speech, Elizabeth: The Golden Age, The Other Boleyn Girl, The Other Man and a recent Bollywood film also shot at the city's historic cathedral.

But the fact that Hollywood actress Mila Kunis and actor Channing Tatum star in the film saw movie fans from far and wide flocking to the cathedral to try and catch a glimpse of them.

To this day it is not known whether either of them were present at the cathedral, which has been nominated as the best film and TV location in the East of England in the past. The film is due to be released in the spring.

The month of June was just as hectic for the cathedral's army of staff and volunteers.

Not only did England footballer Darren Bent and his model bride, Kirsty Maclaren, choose to get married there, but thousands of people also descended on the cathedral for its hugely anticipated flower festival.

Former Huntingdon-based Darren, a 29-year-old striker who played for Aston Villa and is now on loan to Fulham, married Kirsty on June 15.

The 125 guests at the private ceremony heard a gospel choir performing songs including All Things Bright and Beautiful and Amazing Grace.

The flower festival was held from June 20 to June 23.

Visitors' jaws dropped as they entered the medieval building to see it jam-packed with stunning flower displays and striking floral structures.

And as they ventured further inside and realised there was a water-filled stream running through the centre of the cathedral, people understood the festival was something special.

In September, film crews were at the cathedral again for the grand final of BBC Two's The Choir: Sing While You Work.

Choirmaster Gareth Malone OBE and the cathedral's choristers joined forces for an evening of choral celebration to find out which of the three competing finalists would be crowned best workplace choir.

When it came to Christmas celebrations, to describe the cathedral as festive would be an understatement.

Not only did it take more than 2,000 baubles to decorate the masterpiece tree but thousands of people also attended a huge Christmas Gift and Food Fair at the cathedral.

Among the highlights of the Christmas music programme were the Winter Wonderland concert, which featured performances by the cathedral's choirs, the Ely Imps and Pat Brandon and his jazz band.

And on December 20, rock legend and classical musician Ian Anderson performed the Christmas Jethro Tull.

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FED UP: Diane and daughter Mellissa

Come and fix our boiler, family plead

JORDAN DAY

A FAMILY has been enduring a 'freezing cold house' for the past two months because the housing association has not repaired their boiler.

Diane Binks, 46, says she first reported that her boiler was broken to Sanctuary Housing in early November.

But two months later and her three-bedroom home in Berristead Close, Wilburton, where she has lived for more than 20 years, is still freezing.

Diane, who lives at the property with her son, Michael, 25, and daughter, Mellissa, 19, said: "It's unbearable – we can't live like it any longer.

"The house is freezing cold. We're wearing layer upon layer of clothing to try and keep warm – even in bed – but it's still cold then.

"We've all had nasty chest infections and can't shrug them off and I believe that's because the house is so, so cold."

Diane says Sanctuary has sent workmen out on numerous occasions since the issue was first reported but that they have not been able to properly repair the boiler.

She said: "Sanctuary's service has been appalling.

"Half the workmen who have come out have admitted they don't really know what they're doing and none of them have been able to repair the boiler, hence we still have no heating.

"We've been using the coal fire to try and heat the rooms up and the immersion heater so that we have hot water but that's meant my bills have rocketed.

"In the mean time Sanctuary are still demanding the same rent and that's not on. Things are hard enough at the moment as they are.

"It also horrifies me to think that this could be happening to an elderly or vulnerable resident who lives by themselves.

"I've been on the phone to Sanctuary every single day since the boiler broke – sometimes even two or three times.

"If someone rings them and just assumes that they're going to deal with the issue they could freeze to death waiting.

"We've had enough now. We had a rotten Christmas as it was so cold that we couldn't have any other family over to stay. We just want the boiler to be fixed – how hard can it be?"

Nick Hill, Sanctuary's national consultancy services manager, apologised for the delay and speaking to *Ely News* on New Year's Eve said an engineer would be visiting the home that day.

He said: "We are very sorry for the length of time it's taken to repair Mrs Binks' oil fired central heating. We have visited several times and tried to repair the boiler, but it hasn't solved the problem.

"We have arranged for an engineer to visit today to fully assess the situation.

"I will be following this up personally to ensure Mrs Binks has her heating fixed or replaced at the very earliest opportunity."

East Cambs makes 'top 50' list

EAST Cambridgeshire has been voted one of the most desirable places to live in the UK.

The annual Halifax quality of life survey looks at a wide range of factors such as health and life expectancy, crime rates, weather, employment and the performance of local schools.

East Cambs came 22nd in the list of top 50 places.

Hart in South East England came first, nearby Uttlesford was second and South Northamptonshire was rated third.

Nowhere in Wales or Northern Ireland made the top 50 list, but Scotland scraped in with the Orkney Islands placed at number 50.

Just one area of London was included, with the City of London in 38th position.

Nestled in the north-east corner of Hampshire, residents of Hart were found to be the healthiest in the UK, with 97.4 per cent of residents reported to be in good or fairly good health.

They also live the longest in the UK, with an average male life expectancy of 82.9 years compared with the national average of 79 years.

The 80 per cent employment rate in Hart is also significantly above the national average of 71 per cent, while typical weekly earnings in Hart at £843 are more than one-third higher than the national average of £616.

HAPPY ENDINGS: Simon Reeves and Catherine Gardner at home with Rufus and Saffy

Purr-fect start to year for cats

JORDAN DAY

CATS are enjoying the home comforts they deserve – thanks to a helping paw from *Ely News*.

As ever, the Ely and District branch of Cats Protection is at bursting point and we decided to help the branch find homes for as many felines as possible in time for Christmas.

We launched an Ely 'Catvent' Calendar which saw us featuring a different cat which was in need of a home on our website, *ely-news.co.uk*, everyday throughout December.

Not only did many of the cats featured find new homes but it also helped to spread the word about the branch, which is run by Linda Hutchinson and her team of volunteers in Little Downham.

Among the cats which found their new forever home were brother and sister, Rufus and Saffy.

Rufus, who is ginger, and his sibling, Saffy, who are aged around five, have been adopted by Simon Reeves and his partner, Catherine Gardner.

The couple, who are aged in their 30s and live in Fulbourn, said it was "love at first sight" when they saw the cheeky duo's picture.

Mr Reeves said: "We were after two cats and had been looking around for a little while.

"We've both grown up with cats and were looking for a pair.

"When we saw Saffy and Rufus on the website it was love at first sight.

"We went to see them, loved them and they came home on December 19.

"Although Rufus is a big tom cat he is actually quite shy whereas Saffy is really confident.

"They've settled in really quickly and had been looked after extremely well at Cats Protection.

"We'd urge anyone who is looking to get a new cat to rescue one instead of buying, that's for sure."

Mrs Hutchinson, who has run the branch for years, said: "It was fantastic to see so many of the cats featured in the Ely Catvent Calendar going off to new homes.

"We are always full and the minute we find one a home there is always another cat on the waiting list ready to come in.

"Apart from the usual strays, the main reasons that cats are coming in are relationship breakdowns, elderly people going into residential care and people having to move into private rented property where they cannot take their pets.

"We have cats of all ages here so please get in touch."

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Don't fall victim to oil thieves

RURAL homeowners who have oil-fired central heating are being reminded about the risk of oil thefts and are being warned to remain vigilant throughout January when the demand for oil may increase.

A recent rural crimes survey showed that fuel was the third most attractive commodity for thieves targeting rural properties.

This, coupled with more severe cold weather and increasing oil prices likely in the coming months, makes heating oil prone to theft.

Malcolm Farrow, from OFTEC, the Oil Firing Technical Association, is urging residents in East Cambridgeshire to be vigilant.

He said: "This is an issue that we can't stress enough at this time of year as no one wants to run out of oil and risk going cold.

"Thefts can take place at any time of year as thieves are opportunistic. However, January and February often brings the harshest weather and this, combined with people feeling the pinch after Christmas, can make the early new year a popular time for thieves to strike."

OFTEC says fitting a padlock to your tank, buying a fuel gauge alarm or installing a motion detecting security light near your tank can all help to deter thieves. Visit www.oftec.co.uk.

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Warning over Child Benefit payments

PARENTS are being urged to act now rather than face fines over Child Benefit payments.

Under new rules introduced last year, around 1.1 million families containing one adult earning more than £50,000 during the 2012/13 tax year must repay part of their child benefit, while those earning more than £60,000 need to repay it completely.

The payments are declared by the high earner registering for Self Assessment and completing a tax return.

Val Lloyd, a partner at TaxAssist Accountants in Ely, said: "For many families this will be the first time they have ever had to file tax returns and it is vital they don't get caught out.

"They only have until January 31 to file their tax return electronically and it could take up to 10 days just to register for online access if this is their first time filing.

"Anyone missing the deadline will be hit with an automatic £100 fine, with further penalties reaching £1,600 for those who file more than a year late."

It is speculated that 461,000 families have already opted out of receiving Child Benefit as a result of the changes.

Joy as dog lost in floods is found after six-day search

TOGETHER AGAIN: Bradley with his beloved dog, Mey

A DOG owner has been reunited with his beloved pet – almost a week after she went missing in flood water.

JORDAN DAY

Bradley Davis feared he would never see his 4-year-old Labrador, Mey, again.

But thanks to an around-the-clock search party – and possibly the power of Mey's nose – he and his gundog are now side-by-side again.

It was at around 6am on New Year's Eve that Mey vanished.

Bradley, who lives in Guildford, Surrey, was staying at the Lamb and Flag public house in Welney when she ran into flood water on the notorious A1101 Welney Wash Road.

Within moments, Mey had vanished.

Despite being a strong swimmer, she vanished from sight.

It wasn't until Sunday – six days later – that Mey was found by some wildfowlers – in almost exactly the spot where she went missing.

Bradley said: "It's all very confusing but we've got her back and that's the main thing.

"I never thought I'd see her again, that's for sure.

"She literally vanished. She ran into the flood water and was nowhere to be seen.

"She's a gundog so she's used to water and I thought she'd just swim back but she didn't.

"We searched high and low for her and before we knew it Mey was at the centre of what was a major search operation.

"Myself, fellow wildfowlers, dog wardens, dog walkers, RSPB wardens and even the police all helped out with the search but still we couldn't find her."

Reluctantly, Bradley had to leave Welney at the weekend to return to Guildford for work.

He said: "It was really tough. Anybody who loves their dog knows how much they mean to you so leaving there not knowing what had happened to her was awful.

"I then received a phone call on the Sunday to say that she had been found.

"Some wildfowlers had found her clinging to a log in the water almost exactly where she had gone missing.

"She was howling loudly which is what got their attention.

"They scooped her up, called me and I travelled back to Welney that day to get her.

"None of us know what exactly happened to Mey that day. I don't suppose we will ever know.

"She was very weak and you can tell she's been through a bit of an ordeal but she's coming round and settling back in fine.

"I'd like to thank each and every person who went out of their way to help us find Mey.

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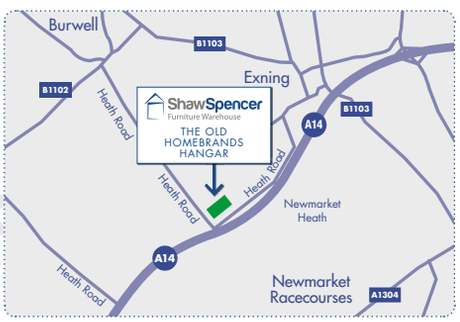

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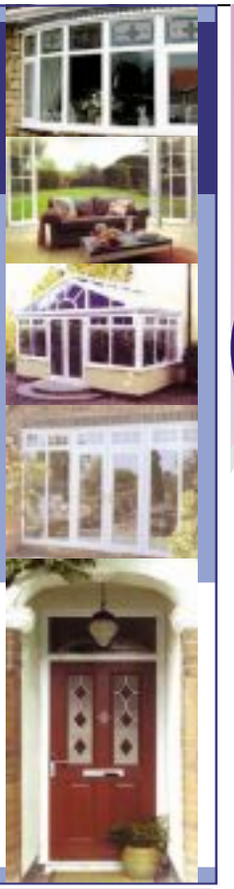

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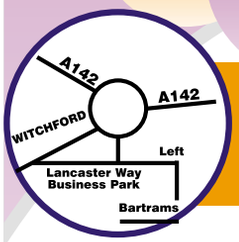

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WHAT A SHOW: Jack and the Beanstalk is being performed at The Maltings in Ely until Tuesday, January 14

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Panto family fun at The Maltings

JORDAN DAY

THOUSANDS of families have been enjoying some good old fashioned pantomime fun – and it's not over yet!

Jack and the Beanstalk has been drawing the crowds to The Maltings in Ely since Boxing Day.

The show, which is suitable for the whole family, is being put on by Soham-based professional theatre company KD Theatre Productions.

Run by Katherine Hickmott and Daniel Bell, who both live in the town, it is their first ever professional pantomime.

But judging by the audience numbers and feedback, it won't be their last.

Katherine, 21, said: "We have had some lovely feedback – we've been getting emails saying how it's a panto for young kids as well as adults which is nice to hear."

Katherine and Daniel, 22, set up their theatre company in secondary school.

And panto lovers don't have to wait much longer for another taste of theatre fun from the company with plenty in the pipeline for 2014.

Katherine said: "We will be back next Christmas to do Cinderella at The Maltings – we are extremely grateful for the support we have received. It's been a fantastic experience – hard work but great fun."

Jack and the Beanstalk is on at The Maltings until Tuesday, January 14.

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Dance the night away in Soham

SOUNDS from the 1960s will be taking over the Soham Comrades Club on Saturday night.

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IF your Christmas tree is still lying around, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue is urging you not to burn it.

The service says burning the branches on open fires or wood burning stoves is dangerous.

A spokesman said: “Burning any kind of wood, other than that which is specifically meant to go on your fire, can be very dangerous and this includes Christmas trees.

“Fir trees and all types of Christmas trees shouldn’t be burnt as the sap can turn into creosote, which is like tar and which could easily catch fire inside the chimney.

“Christmas trees were probably only felled a maximum of two months ago, added to which you may have been watering it to keep it alive, meaning it is not nearly dry enough to be burnt.

“Burning your tree just isn’t the safe option.”

Christmas trees can be recycled in the usual way that garden waste is in East Cambridgeshire.

Bingo night raises over £800 for charity

A charity bingo night has raised more than £800.

Dozens of residents and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service personnel turned out for the event at Littleport Village Hall last month.

The event, which is organised by firefighters in Littleport, raised £810 for The Fire Fighters Charity, an organisation which provides support to fire personnel – and their families – who are retired or still working in the UK.

Clive Allen, watch commander at Littleport Fire Station, said: “All of the prizes are very kindly donated by local people and business who are always very generous which helps us make this event a success.

“It is very heart warming that in these austere times the public still dig deep for our charity.

“This one event has raised more than £30,000 for our charity in its duration.”

For more information about The Fire Fighters Charity, including how you can support it, visit www.firefighterscharity.org.uk.

SUCCESS: At the bingo night

Recycle your old clothes for charity

WANTING to get rid of that ghastly jumper your gran got you this Christmas?

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue service may be on hand to help as they call on the public to donate their unwanted clothes to their nearest fire station.

Fire stations across the county are competing to collect as many unwanted clothes and textiles as possible this month to raise funds for The Fire Fighters Charity, which supports serving and retired firefighters.

Kevin Biles, from the charity, said: “If the people of Cambridgeshire could take a look in their wardrobes and see if they have any clothes, shoes or handbags they don’t want, now would be a great time to donate. It doesn’t matter what state the clothing is in as it will all be recycled.

“This is a great scheme because it is of no cost to the charity and every penny raised from generous donations by the public goes towards the valuable work we do.”

People can take their unwanted items to the recycling banks at stations in Ely, Littleport and Soham.

FBU strikes now total nine

JORDAN DAY

FIREFIGHTERS attended a total of six incidents in Cambridgeshire during two strikes.

Members of the national Fire Brigades Union (FBU) have now gone on strike nine times due to an ongoing row over pensions.

The eighth strike was held between 6.30pm and 12.30am on New Year’s Eve and the ninth strike took place between 6.30am and 8.30am last Friday.

During the New Year’s Eve strike, fire engines crewed by on-call firefighters, operational managers and senior staff from across the service, were called to six incidents in total. There were no incidents during the strike on January 3.

Graham Stagg, chief fire officer at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: “Although our crewing levels were significantly impacted, we were able to use our own operationally trained managers and on-call firefighters to crew fire engines during the strike period.

“Whilst our day-to-day services were severely disrupted by the strikes, the commitment of our on-call, support and operational managers ensured we were able to fulfil our legal duty to provide a fire and rescue service.

“Our thanks goes out to the community for taking extra care and putting safety at the forefront of their minds.

“We would also like to thank the family and friends of the staff crewing appliances for the sacrifices they have made over the holiday period to ensure the ongoing safety of the residents of Cambridgeshire.”

The incidents which occurred during the New Year’s Eve strike included a fire in an electrical junction box at the Thousand Guineas Service station on the A14 eastbound near Newmarket.

Crews were also called to a tree fire on Church Road in Stapleford and there were three incidents in the Peterborough area and a false alarm at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. Visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk for more information.

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'Car smash made me realise life was sweet'

Her heart set on becoming a headteacher, Sam Wise's dream career got derailed after a horrific car accident. But, two years on – running her own successful cake company and mum to 10-month-old Daniel – she feels thankful for the life-altering experience. Here, the 31-year-old talks to LOUISE CUMMINGS.

HAPPY FAMILY: Sam, Philip and Daniel Wise.

THERE was never any hesitation in Sam Wise's mind that she would one day become a headteacher. Education was, she admits, her all-consuming passion. "My mum was a teaching assistant and a child minder, so I grew up in Gloucestershire with lots of children in the house. I was going to be a headteacher and that was that."

As soon as she could grasp a piece of chalk, Sam was busy playing 'classrooms', bossing her two sisters around. "They would sit down and basically do as they were told!" she laughs.

Encouraged to follow her dreams by her childhood sweetheart Philip (now her husband), Sam studied hard, and took her first teaching job at a primary school in High Wycombe. The role was everything she had hoped for. "I loved being in the classroom. I loved watching every child develop, progress and move forward. Education quickly became my life."

Climbing the career ladder, she took on more and more responsibility, becoming head of various subjects, from design and technology to science. "I was really quite young to be in such positions, but it was great; I enjoyed the challenge."

Looking to set up his own business, Philip decided to return to Cambridge, where he had studied computer science.

"Cambridge was obviously the place for computing, it being the 'Silicon Valley' of England, so we moved this way," Sam tells me.

Taking a job at a primary school in Littleport, the 20-something teacher was in her element. "I was a literacy leader there, so spent most of my six week holiday setting up the school's first ever library, and before long I got sent away on a leadership course to Nottingham."

When the deputy head left the school, Sam was first choice to take on a co-deputy headship, which she wholeheartedly embraced. "I did that for a year and enjoyed it," she recalls. "But it was stressful and a lot of hard work; I'd work a long day, then often be marking well into the evening or reading educational documents at home."

Sam was becoming a workaholic; something she can now see, but was quite oblivious to at the time. "My job had become my whole life. My poor husband; it's horrible to say, but it wasn't like we were married because my life was work. I wasn't bothered about having children because I believed in my heart of hearts that I had 240 or so children in my life every day, and they would be my world."

However, all that changed one dark, stormy night, just before Christmas 2010. Sam picks up the story: "I had been in a really stressful Ofsted meeting. It was late, I was shattered, and I was coming home down a bendy road from Littleport to Little Downham in my pride and joy; my new red MX5. I loved that car," she smiles, before turning more serious. "It was raining hard and there was mud on the road. I hit the mud and lost control of the steering, and that was it. I remember praying 'please God, don't let me die'. I felt something smash my head, and I don't remember anything else."

What had happened was Sam's car had left the road, flipped over twice and ended up in a field, stopping just inches from a tree. A motorist had witnessed the accident,

WISE AFTER THE EVENT: Sam turned her back on teaching after a car crash to take on a new venture, Fairy Cake Friends.

and ran to her aid.

"The next thing I knew there was a guy kicking the door of my car. I remember thinking, 'why the heck is he doing that to my lovely car?' I was a bit dazed and really had no idea what was going on," she explains.

Sam managed to drag herself out of the gnarled wreckage, but failing to grasp the gravity of the incident, was initially more concerned about retrieving her laptop from the car. "I was so concerned that someone might steal it, but then I turned round and saw my car and realised how bad it was. Then I felt quite shaken up. It was completely smashed up at the front, smashed at the back and the soft top was all squashed in; I just burst out crying at that point."

Paramedics were soon at the roadside. "The ambulance man came over and said 'madam, I think we need to take you in and check you over' and I just collapsed on to the road," Sam recalls.

She woke at Addenbrooke's Hospital, wired up to machines, having spent time in intensive care. "I didn't have a clue what was going on. I was just lying there dazed, wondering what had happened," she remembers.

Miraculously, apart from sustaining injuries from the seatbelt on crash impact and suffering with headaches, Sam was otherwise unscathed. Within a week, she was back in the classroom, though admits that the crash had dramatically changed how she felt about her job. "I knew I needed to get back to work and be a teacher again, but it didn't feel the same anymore. Everything felt so wrong. I remember turning to one of my colleagues one day and saying 'why am I here?' and they said 'because you're a damn good teacher', but my heart wasn't in it."

The final straw came in yet another Ofsted meeting, Sam explains: "There was a woman ranting on about data, and I just thought 'why am I wasting my life sat here?' Then I collapsed."

It's thought that Sam may have been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or simply job-related stress. Whatever the cause, she knew it was time to reassess her life. And the impending six-week summer break gave her plenty of time to mull over her plans.

"I have always loved baking and when I was little my gran used to have this trolley of delights, which had the most amazing cakes on it; her shortbread caramel slice was amazing!" she smiles. "She always dreamed of being a baker but then the war came and she ended up, ironically, becoming a teacher, then an accountant. So I thought it would be lovely for me to achieve the dream for her."

Buoyed by her friends' favourable reactions to her oven-baked goodies, Sam spent six weeks perfecting her vanilla frosting, and trying out various flavours of cupcakes and fairycakes on a team of willing tasters.

And with husband Philip fully behind her sweet new venture, by October 2011, Fairy Cake Friends was in business.

"Philip said he just wanted me to do something that made me happy. He says I'm a different person now; happier, more relaxed. I enjoy my new job so much," she beams, looking every bit as relaxed as she maintains. "Basically, I'm back to the person I think he knew pre-education, if truthful."

Two years on Fairy Cake Friends is enjoying great success, due in large part to Facebook. "It's amazing how much business I have got that way. I've also been really lucky to be able to stock my cakes locally at Chellies Beauty FX in Littleport, Haddenham Galleries, and they'll be stocked at Little Downham shop, which I'm really excited about," Sam enthuses.

As well as baking fabulously festive mulled wine cupcakes, mince pie sponges and zesty lemon sprinkled treats, alongside some seriously challenging commissions (dartboard or replica theatre cake anyone?), there's been something else cooking in the proverbial oven. Sam and Philip's son Daniel was born on February 4th.

"Though I'd always told myself that the school children were enough for me, after the accident I realised that life was so short and that actually I would like a family. I can't tell you how much we love being a mum and dad. Our family is everything now," Sam beams.

Christmas is a time for reflection, and having just spent their first Christmas together, the Wise family look back on that accident in 2010, and are thankful for the changes it brought about.

"It definitely made me reassess everything, it really did," Sam reflects. "The fact I'm still here. People have died on that road; it has taken lives and I'm very lucky to still be here and walk away from it with nothing wrong. I'm very, very lucky and I'm glad it made me change everything. I'm so much happier now, I love what I'm doing and having Daniel has been a big part of that change."

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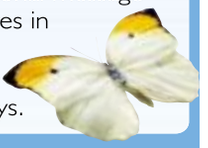

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New name for popular nightspot

ONE of Ely's most popular bars has a new name.

Local hotel owner Fiona Talbot took over what was Deans Bar, in Newnham Street, last September.

The bar, a former bingo hall, had been run by Soham businesswoman Nadine Smith for 29 years.

Fiona and her team ran a competition where customers could enter their suggestion for the new name and the winner was announced at the venue's New Year's Eve party, which was attended by around 240 people.

The winner was Becky Law, from Littleport, who chose BAR 62 as the new name – inspired by the fact the drinking hole is located at number 62, Newnham Street.

Becky won the £500 up for grabs in the competition.

Fiona, who has also introduced a food menu and longer opening hours at the venue, said: "We thought it was the right time for a rename and a fresh approach to the bar, and we really hope everyone will support this and understand the spirit in which we are doing it as it had been named after the previous owner.

"We are really excited about developing future plans for BAR 62 and we hope everyone else will be too."

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DON'T JUST BIN THEM: Staff at Sainsbury's in Ely are urging people to recycle their Christmas cards

Recycle your cards at Sainsbury's

RECYCLE your Christmas cards instead of putting them in the bin.

Sainsbury's in Ely has a Christmas card recycling box at the front of the store as part of the supermarket's partnership with the Forest Steward Council UK.

Customers have until Tuesday, January 14 to recycle their cards via the scheme.

Store manager Alex Bettison said: "We had a really positive response from our customers last year and with their help, we're hoping to make an even bigger contribution this time.

"It's a great way to continue that goodwill feeling and ensure your cards are put to positive use, which is all part of our 'No Waste to Landfill' commitment."

Great start for new garden firm

JORDAN DAY

A TREE surgery and maintenance firm has moved into the E-Space North business centre in Littleport.

AC Tree and Garden Care is run by Aldan Conway and Karl Yellop and is a start-up company dealing with all aspects of tree surgery, advice and maintenance.

The company also specialises in hedge trimming, stump and root treatments as well as grass cutting, garden care and ground maintenance.

Mr Yellop said: "We have had a great welcome to E-Space North since we moved in.

"As a new start up, we were looking for somewhere to develop our business but also have a helping hand should we need it – this is why E-Space is perfect for us."

Cllr Tom Kerby, economic champion at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "At E-Space, we have a wide range of companies all under one roof.

"We look forward to helping Aldan and Karl grow their company over the next few months and years."

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Lining up the laughs

ELLA WALKER looks ahead to some of the top-notch comedy coming to the area in the early stages of 2014 – get booking now! More on page 26

Andrew Lawrence
He's been described as a "supreme misfit" by The Telegraph, but we think they meant it nicely. Andrew Lawrence – he's starred on Live At The Apollo and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow – already has his own Radio 4 series and is now making a serious mark on the world of stand-up. Grafting along since studying at the University of St Andrew's, the funny red-head is practically guaranteed to go stratospheric any day now.
Cambridge Junction, Friday, January 24. Contact (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

Punt and Dennis
Former Cambridge Footlighters Steve Punt (writer and presenter of BBC Radio 4's The Now Show) and Hugh Dennis (Outnumbered, Mock the Week) are visiting the city where their affair with comedy sketches and political satire began. See the double act in action with their current show, Ploughing On Regardless, which takes winter and the fact the "AA are busy advising comedians 'not to tour the country unless it is absolutely essential,'" to great heights.
Cambridge Corn Exchange, Thursday, February 13. Contact (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk

Sarah Millican
You can't help but know her voice. That high, laughing South Shields burr shot through with self-deprecation and charm. Sarah Millican turned up in 2008 armed with a raft of jokes about her divorce and the ensuing two and a half years she spent back at her mum and dad's… she won the Best Newcomer Award at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and we haven't been able to escape her since. Not that you'd want to. This time around the 38-year-old will be explaining how to behave on a dirty weekend and how to fit in seamlessly at a posh restaurant. How very educational. Have fun.
Cambridge Corn Exchange, Thursday, February 6 – Friday, February 7. Contact (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk

Russell Kane
Russell Kane's Twitter bio says: "Dodged the bullies by making jokes," – well, it certainly worked. The 33-year-old perfectly quiffed comedian has survived divorce, the bullies and a knack for controversy thanks to his talent for funny. Great mates with Radio 1's ever-so charming Greg James (the pair have their own BBC3 show, Staying In), and a regular on a myriad of chat and panel shows (most recently, Who Wants to be a Millionaire?), he's bringing his new one-man show, Smallness, to Cambridge.
Cambridge Corn Exchange, Saturday, February 8. Contact (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk

Miles Jupp
Stroppy, witty, dapper and ticking all the boxes (actor, writer, comedian), Miles Jupp is quite a talented guy. Always one for popping up on Have I Got News For You, The News Quiz and Mock The Week, he's a panel show host on BBC Radioc4, has recently been onstage in Alan Bennett's People at the National Theatre and starred in Rev and The Thick of It. Now you can see him do stand-up. He explains: "It's a man, standing on a stage, facing an audience, talking about some things and ultimately aiming to cover the cost of his white goods."
Cambridge Junction, Friday, February 28. Contact (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

Footlights Spring Revue 2014: The History of Everything
Spot the future stars of the British comedy scene at the Footlights Spring Revue. Compiled, written and staged by an eight-strong troupe of performers and writers, this year's show is: "a chronological odyssey through the history of the universe, from the Big Bang to the invention of the iPhone and everything in between." You'll be taken on a breakneck tour "through the primordial soup, up the Jurassic coast, down the Fall of the Roman Empire, into the House of the Tudors, and Back to the Future in time for tea." Expect skits, laughs and silliness a-plenty.
The ADC Theatre, Tuesday, March 4 – Saturday, March 8. Contact (01223) 300085 / adctheatre.com

COMIC TIMING: Left, Russell Kane, top, Andrew Lawrence and above, Sarah Millican are just some of the top acts with shows booked for the region

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Comedy's coming

Russell Brand
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Cambridge Corn Exchange, Tuesday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 1.
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Alan Davies
Jonathan Creek – no, wait, sorry – Alan Davies, the rambling, mop haired *QI* panellist, is visiting with his new stand-up show, *Little Victories*. Best mates with Bill Bailey, the Essex born 47-year-old hasn't been out on the road recently as much as we'd probably like – he's quite busy what with writing books, chatting on with Stephen Fry and fitting in the odd bit of acting work – but he seems to be getting back into it. Expect shrewdness, smartness and oh so many laughs.
Cambridge Corn Exchange, Saturday, April 5. Contact (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk

Rob Beckett
Rob Beckett's grin is unbelievably impressive. Huge slabs of pristine white enamel, very little gum and a quiff of spiky blonde hair adding to the ensemble. But if you haven't seen too much of him, it's no wonder. Other than a couple of *Mock the Week* clips, he's only got a few skits floating around on YouTube. The best being one on being working class (the test is if your plasma TV is bigger than your bookcase apparently), and another on all the people he looks like, but isn't (Boris Johnson, Peggy Mitchell and Clare Balding make the list).
Cambridge Junction, Wednesday, April 9.
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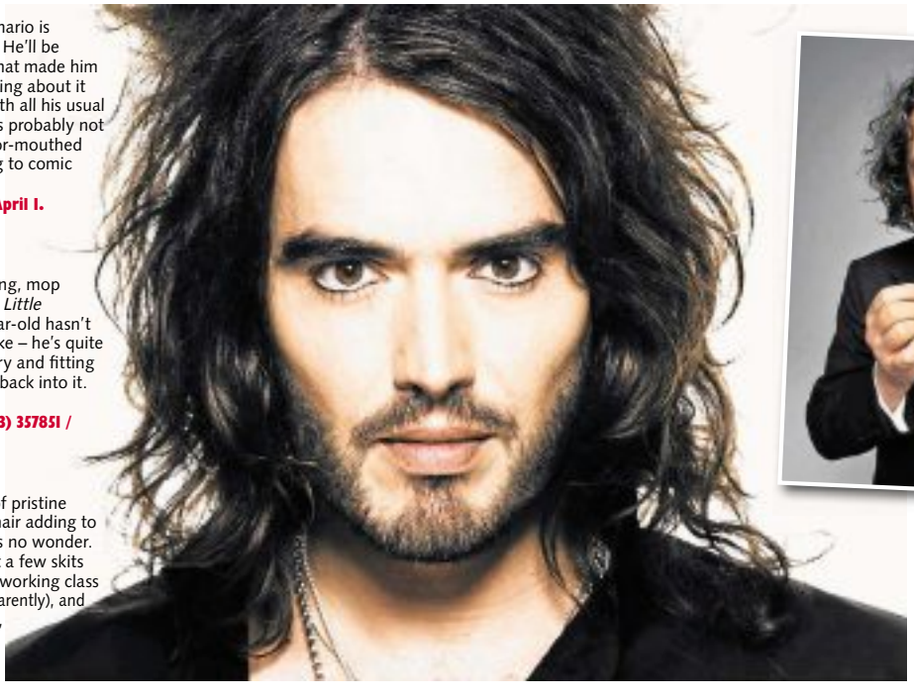

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Kids am: Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 2D (U): Sat- Sun 10am
Kids am: Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 3D (U): Sat-Sun 10.20am
Seniors: Captain Phillips (12a): Tues 12noon
Frozen 2D (PG, subtitles): Sun 12:50; Tues 6.30
Devil's Due (15): Thus 9
12 Years A Slave (15): Fri-Sat 1.30, 4.50, 8.10, 11.15; Sun 12.40, 3.50, 7.15; Mon-Tues 1.30, 4.50, 8.10; Wed 1.30, 4.50, 8.10, 11.15; Thu 1.30, 4.50, 8.10
The Delivery Man (12a): Fri 6.45, 9.20; Sat 6.45, 9.20, 11.45; Sun 6.45, 9.20; Mon 6, 8.30; Tues 6, 9.15; Wed 6, 8.30, 11; Thu 6, 8.30
The Railway Man (15): Fri-Thu 11.50am, 6, 8.40
Malayalam: Punyalan Agarbathis (PG): Sun 6; Mon 7
The Counsellor (18): Tues 9
American Hustle (15): Fri-Sat 2, 5.10, 8.30, 11.20; Sun-Mon 2, 5.10, 8.30; Tues 3, 6.10, 8.30; Wed 2, 5.10, 8.30, 11.20; Thu 2, 5.10, 8.30
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (15): Fri 9, 11.10; Sat 9.30, 11.40; Sun 9.30; Mon 9; Wed 9, 11.10; Thu 9
Last Vegas (12a): Fri-Sat 12.30, 3, 8.50, 11.40; Sun-Tues 12.30, 3, 9.10; Wed 12.30, 3, 8.50, 11.40; Thu 12.30, 3, 9.10
Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom (12a): Fri 11.50am, 3.30, 5.40; Sat 11.15am, 3.30, 5.20; Sun 11.15am, 3.30; Mon 12.40, 2.40; Tues-Thu 11.50am, 2.40, 5.40
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12a): Fri-Thu 5.30
Frozen 2D (PG): Fri 1.30, 3.50, 6.30 (subtitles Tues); Sat-Sun 10.15am, 11am, 12.50 (subtitles Sun), 1.40, 4.20, 7; Mon-Thu 1.30, 3.50, 6.30 (subtitles Tues)
The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (PG): Fri 12.30, 11.45; Sat-Sun 10am; Mon-Thu 12noon
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug 2D (12a): Fri-Sat 12.20, 2.30, 5.50, 9.10; Sun-Tues 12.20, 2.30, 5.50, 8.40; Wed 12.20, 2.30, 5.50, 9.10; Thu 12.20, 2.30, 5.50, 8.40
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (15): Fri 3, 9, 11.45; Sat 2.30, 8.40, 11.30; Sun 2.30, 9.15; Mon 4; Tues 3, 9; Wed 3, 9, 11.45; Thu 3
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (U): Fri-Thu 3.40
Moshi Monsters (U): Sat-Sun 11.30am
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Captain Phillips [Take 2] (12A): Thu 12.15, 7.40
Devil's Due (15): Thu 7, 9.20
12 Years A Slave (15): Fri-Thu 11.15am, 2.15, 5.15, 8.15
Delivery Man (12A): Fri-Sat 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.20, 10.45; Sun 10.30am, 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.20; Mon-Thu 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.20
The Railway Man (15): fri 2.30, 5.20, 8.10, 10.50; Sat 11.40am, 2.30, 5.20, 8.10, 10.50; Sun 11.40am, 2.30, 5.20, 8.10; Mon-Thu 2.30, 5.20, 8.10
American Hustle (15): Fri 2.20, 5.30, 8.30; Sat-Sun 11.20am, 2.20, 5.30, 8.30; Mon-Thu 2.20, 5.30, 8.30
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (15) Fri-Sat 9, 11.05; Sun-Wed 9
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Last Vegas (12A: Fri-Sat 12.50, 3.20, 6, 8.40, 11.10; Sun 12.50 (subtitles Sun), 3.20, 6, 8.40; Mon 3.20, 6, 8.40; Tues-Thu 12.50, 3.20, 6, 8.40
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Anchorman 2 - The Legend Continues (15): 12.40, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11; Sat 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11; Sun 3.30, 6.10, 8.50; Mon-Wed 12.40, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50; Thu 3.30, 6.10, 8.50
Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri 11am; Sat-1.10; Sun 11am, 1.10; Mon-Thu 11am
The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Sat-Sun 10.50am, 12.55
Moshi Monsters: The Movie (U): Sat-Sun 12.10
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug [3D] (12A): Fri-Thu 4.30
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (12A): Fri-Thu 1, 8
Frozen [3D] (PG): Sat-Sun 2

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Captain Phillips [Take 2] (12A): Thu 12.15, 3.45, 7.15
Delivery Man (12A): Fri-Thu 12.40, 3.10, 6.10, 8.50
The Railway Man (15): Fri-Thu 12noon, 2.50, 5.40, 8.20
American Hustle (15): Fri-Thu 2.10, 5.20, 8.30
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (15): Fri-Thu 9.20
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The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (PG): Fri 12.40, 3.20, 6, 8.40; Sat-Sun 3.20, 6, 8.40; Mon-Wed 12.40, 3.20, 6 (subtitles), 8.40; Thu 2.40, 8.15
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Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri 12.10; Sat-Sun 10.40am, 1; Mon-Thu 12.10
The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Sat-Sun 10.45am, 1
Moshi Monsters: The Movie (U): Sat-Sun 12noon
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug [3D] (12A): Fri-Wed 8.15
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (12A): Fri-Thu 11.50am, 3.30, 7.20
Frozen [3D] (PG): Fri 5.20; Sat-Sun 10.30am, 1.10 , 5.20; Mon-Thu 5.20
Frozen (PG): Fri 1.40, 2.30, 4.20, 7; Sat-Sun 10.50am, 11am, 1.40, 2.30, 4.20, 7; Mon-Wed 1.40, 2.30, 4.20, 7; Thu 1.40, 4.20, 7
Movies for Juniors
The Croods (U): Sat 10am
Justin And The Knights Of Valour (PG): Sat 10am
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 (U): Sat 10am

film of the week

DELIVERY MAN
certificate 12A, 1h44m

WHEN Hollywood remakes a critically acclaimed foreign film, the original director more often than not stands by as their work is re-interpreted – sometimes beyond recognition – by another filmmaker.

Occasionally, though, the same creative force takes the helm for both versions.

French-Canadian filmmaker Ken Scott charmed critics and audiences with his bittersweet comedy *Starbuck*. He remains in the director's chair for this brasher remake which transplants the action from Montreal to the mean streets of Manhattan.

In most other respects *Delivery Man* is the identical twin of its predecessor, repeating scenes virtually word for word in an effort to recreate the winning formula.

Vince Vaughn plays David Wozniak, a delivery truck driver for the family meat business run by his Polish immigrant father, Mikolaj (Andrzej Blumenfeld).

David is deep in debt and repeatedly lets down his brothers Victor (Simon Delaney) and Aleksy (Bobby Moynihan), as well as his girlfriend Emma (Cobie Smulders) who is expecting their first child.

Out of the blue, David learns that frequent donations to a sperm bank in his student days have resulted in the birth of 533 children. Of those, 142 have launched a class action to force the fertility clinic to reveal the identity of the man they know only as Starbuck.

David turns to lawyer pal Brett (Chris Pratt) to keep the records sealed. However, matters become complicated when he visits some of his children including a busker called Adam (Dave Patten), an aspiring actor Josh (Jack Reynor) and a down on her luck salesgirl called Kristen (Britt Robertson).

Delivery Man is a surprisingly touching second helping that remains true to the heartfelt intentions of the original film.

Vaughn is likeable throughout but there's a lack of on-screen chemistry with Smulders. Pratt is hysterical as a single father stumbling blindly through legal loopholes while Patten, Robertson, Reynor and co deliver spirited performances as youngsters searching for the man who gave them life.

Stumped for ideas?

STUMPERIES may be a throwback to a bygone age, but – perhaps thanks to the current trend for all things retro – they could once again command a place in the British garden, creating a cornucopia of planting opportunities and providing a haven for wildlife.

by Hannah Stephenson

So says award-winning garden designer Chris Beardshaw anyway, pictured right,who has been scaling the country in search of examples of these Victorian features, similar to rock gardens but created from upturned stumps, logs, roots and pieces of bark, originally designed to display the spoils of intrepid Victorian plant hunters.

In the course of his own travels for BBC2's *Great British Garden Revival*, Beardshaw visited the home of the first UK stumpery at Biddulph Grange in Staffordshire, as well as the most famous stumpery in the country, that of The Prince of Wales in the grounds of Highgrove House.

"Stumperies were the original vehicles that really excited people about ferns," Beardshaw enthuses. "Their development coincided not only with an amazing array of exotic ferns coming into the UK from around the world but also the realisation of how ferns propagated themselves."

A stumpery is essentially a collection of roots from hardwood trees that have been grubbed out of the ground, originally as a result of land cleared from estates. As informal native woodland was pulled up or repositioned, huge roots were left lying around which could be used as a framework in shady woodland areas. It made use of architectural and dramatic timber which was decaying, interplanted with ferns and other shade-loving plants and bulbs.

So, if you're feeling inspired, how do you create a stumpery in your own garden?

You'll need to plant them in shade, Beardshaw advises, either under a hedge or under a tree, or in the shade of a building.

"You are replicating the forest floor. Before we became too polite and tidy, a woodland would have been a complex mix of young plants, mature plants and a lot of rotting material and it's this rotting underlayer that we are really exploiting.

"Think of a stumpery as a marriage between the more formal parts of the garden and the wilder areas or the wilder landscape that surrounds it. It's that wonderful union of the two. Piling logs or stumps or branches is very good for hedgehogs and beneficial for insects and reptiles.

"Today you can be as adventurous as you wish," adds Beardshaw. "You can use one stump or hundreds of stumps. The rotting timber replicates the native woodland – rich in organic matter, with moisture-retentive soils and the stumps create lots of cracks and crevices in which ferns can excel."

Hardwoods such as oak, sweet chestnut and beech are the best to use because they take longer to rot, although Beardshaw has used conifers for stumperies.

"Stumperies can be really surreal places and are great when associated with ponds and water gardens, underplanted with hostas and astilbes as well as carnivorous plants."

To make a stumpery look natural, you need to bury two-thirds of it in the ground.

"The root plate should be lying on its side so that the trunk of the tree is also on its side and in doing that you are really replicating a windblown tree, where the plate is standing vertically rather than horizontally across the ground.

"That means that you can create little crevices and divots around the plants and it's into those little spaces that you can plant.

"Use ferns as the mainstay and then you can interplant with many winter bulbs such as winter aconites, snowdrops and species daffodils and scilla.

"Then you can include typical woodland dwellers like epimediums, uvularia and hostas.

It's about creating a framework. A stumpery isn't just for spring or summer months, it's great for having that continuation of bulbs flowering before the tree canopy opens up, so early spring bulbs are very rich."

■ Chris Beardshaw presents *Great British Garden Revival* on BBC 2 today

puzzles

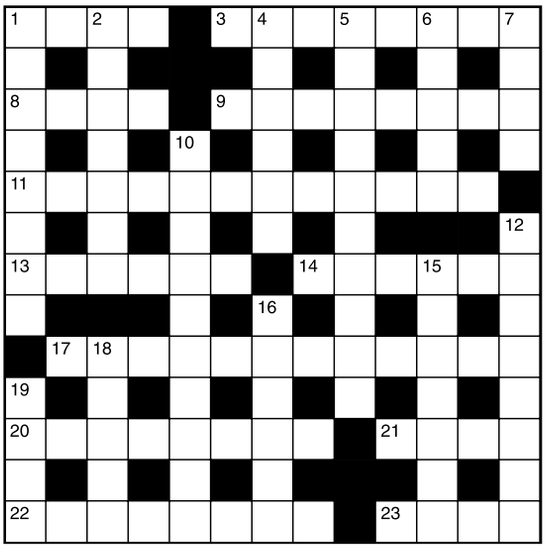
crossword

ACROSS

1. Two doctors needed for unruly crowds (4)
3. Confessed and was allowed in (8)
8. He put two and two together and didn't go under (4)
9. Old-fashioned, having had more boy-girl meetings (8)
11. Without any land for no good reason? (12)
13. Disposition of aunt changes again (6)
14. Waste time producing sweet (6)
17. Leave in mind for one section (12)
20. Director who is owed money ... (8)
21. ... is a bit of a temperamental sort, too (4)
22. Handed in notice without complaining (8)
23. Novice in pretty rough conditions (4)

DOWN

1. Coping although the chap's growing old (8)
2. Confirm wild animal escaped (4,3)
4. Somehow be loud twice (6)
5. Enticed sir into being unwary (10)
6. Full amount of small drink as a loss leader (5)
7. Extinct bird makes the party - twice! (4)
10. Getting bigger by the addition of folds? (10)
12. You and I will have trouble getting rich (4-2-2)
15. Corpulent friend followed with deadly result (7)
16. Made great efforts to get voters out (6)
18. Makes the odds less rough? (5)
19. Race round tree (4)



Last week's answers: Across: 1 Switzerland; 9 Origami; 10 Gogol; 11 Disco; 12 Molotov; 13 Passed; 15 Superb; 18 America; 20 Donna; 22 Extol; 23 Asiatic; 24 Persian Gulf. Down: 2 Writs; 3 Tea rose; 4 Enigma; 5 Legal; 6 Nightie; 7 Lord's Prayer; 8 Olive branch; 14 Sceptre; 16 Undoing; 17 Panama; 19 Isles; 21 Natal.

sudoku

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Last week's answer:

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9	3	1	7	5	4	6	8	2
7	8	9	2	4	3	5	1	6
3	6	5	8	1	9	2	4	7
2	1	4	6	7	5	8	3	9

niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

98553 gives bread
9613123 gives dried fruit
34576263 gives more dried fruit

Last week's answer:
METAPHORS

The Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club
Saturday January 11th
Billy G
60's 70's 80's 8:45pm start
Members £4 Non Members £5
Sunday January 12th
Littleport Players
Snow White & Seven Dwarfs
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the GUIDE

weekend television

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Good Cook. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15 Live Athletics: Great Edinburgh Cross-Country.** Coverage of the annual race from Holyrood Park. **2.45 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.** Coverage of the eighth day of the tournament. **4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather. **5.30 Dynamo: Magician Impossible.**

6.15 **Reflex.** New series. Game show testing people's reactions, hosted by Shane Richie.

7.00 **The Voice UK.** New series. Kylie Minogue and Ricky Wilson join the judging panel on the singing contest.

8.30 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.**

9.20 **Casualty.** Zoe and Tess fight to save the life of Dixie's girlfriend.

10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.

10.30 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Hull City v Chelsea; National Lottery Update.

11.55 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.15am Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.30 FILM: The Informer (1935). Drama, starring Victor McLaglen. **7.55 FILM: I Married a Witch (1942).** Romantic fantasy comedy, starring Veronica Lake. **9.10 Life on Earth. 11.00 Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain. 11.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 12.00pm The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 The A to Z of TV Gardening. 12.50 FILM: Summer Magic (1963).** Disney musical comedy, starring Hayley Mills. **2.35 FILM: The Go-Between (1971).** Period drama, starring Julie Christie. **4.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.** Further coverage of the eighth day of the tournament.

6.00 **Flog It!** Finds from Swansea and Hartlepool.

7.00 **Nature's Weirdest Events.** Bees in France that are making multicoloured honey.

8.00 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring enlists an unusual recruit.

8.30 **Morecambe & Wise: The Curtains.**

9.30 **QI XL.**

10.15 **FILM: Burke and Hare (2010).** Premiere. Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg and Andy Serkis.

11.40 **Darts: BDO World Championships.**

12.30am FILM: They Shoot Horses, Don't They? (1969). Depression-era drama, with Jane Fonda. **2.25 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dinner Date. 10.30 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 Countrywise. 11.45 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.55 FILM: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Ian McShane. **1.55pm The Chase. 2.55 Boyzone at 20: No Matter What. 3.55 Show Me the Telly. 4.55 ITV News Anglia;** Weather. **5.05 ITV News and Weather. 5.20 FILM: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006).** Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano.

7.00 **Splash!** Keith Duffy, Paul Ross, Anna Williamson, Toyah Willcox and Martin Offiah compete for two places in the semi-final, under the tutelage of Tom Daley.

8.30 **Take Me Out.** A psychic single dad, a bodybuilder, a train enthusiast and a children's party planner try to win a date with one of 30 single women.

9.45 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Aaron Eckhart, Karren Brady, Griff Rhys Jones and Torvill and Dean.

10.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.

11.00 **FILM: Miami Vice (2006).** Crime thriller, starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx.

1.20am Jackpot247. 3.00 Ladette to Lady: Australia. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10am American Football Playoff Highlights. 7.00 Trans World Sport. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.30 How I Met Your Mother. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.25 The Simpsons. 12.30pm The Taste. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Warwick and Kempton Park. **4.05 Channel 4 News. 4.35 Come Dine with Me.**

7.15 **FILM: Crocodile Dundee (1986).** An Australian hunter with a larger-than-life reputation accompanies a reporter from the Outback to the urban jungle of Manhattan. Comedy, starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski.

9.00 **Hostages.** New series. A surgeon faces a moral dilemma when masked men take her family hostage and order her to kill her next patient – the US president. Thriller, with Toni Collette.

10.00 **FILM: Wanted (2008).** A man joins a secret society of superpowered assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie.

12.00am FILM: House of Flying Daggers (2004). Martial arts adventure, starring Zhang Ziyi. **2.10 Hollyoaks. 4.20 Deal or No Deal. 5.15 Countdown. 5.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Slugterra. 11.00 Access. 11.05 Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. 12.30pm World's Busiest Hotel. 1.30 Police Interceptors. 2.30 FILM: Columbo: How to Dial a Murder (1978). Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.05 Diagnosis Murder.**

6.05 **Mr & Mrs Murder.** A dispute between dog walkers and golfers results in murder.

7.00 **CSI: NY.** A teenager is shot in front of his younger brother.

7.45 **NCIS.** A missing Navy lieutenant's car is found covered in blood, and the team discovers she had been profiling men to find the perfect partner. Meanwhile, Jenny makes Tony a secret offer.

9.40 **5 News Weekend.**

9.45 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours.

10.45 **Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.

12.00am SuperCasino. 3.05 True CSI. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

The Voice UK, Saturday, BBC1,7pm

Hostages, Saturday, Channel 4, 9pm

The Tea Trail with Simon Reeve, Sunday, BBC2, 8pm

Dancing on Ice, Sunday, ITV, 6.15pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15pm MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00 BBC News;** Weather. **1.15 Moving On. 2.00 Bargain Hunt. 2.45 Real Lives Reunited. 3.15 Escape to the Country. 4.00 Songs of Praise. 4.35 Dolphins – Spy in the Pod. 5.35 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

6.00 **Countryfile.**

7.00 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Tony Livesey, Ava Vidal, Monty Halls and the Rev Richard Coles. Last in the series.

7.30 **Antiques Roadshow.** From the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in Norwich.

8.30 **Sherlock.** The detective takes on a master blackmailer. Last in the series.

10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Newcastle United v Manchester City.

11.25 **The Revolution Will Be Televised.** Satirical comedy sketches.

11.55 **FILM: Cemetery Junction (2010).** Comedy drama, starring Christian Cooke.

1.25am Weatherview. 1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.40 FILM: A Woman's Secret (1949). Mystery, starring Maureen O'Hara. **8.05 Monty Don's French Gardens. 9.05 Countryfile. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 1.00pm Live Snooker: The Masters.** Mark Selby v Mark Davis. **5.00 Ski Sunday. 5.45 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.** Coverage of the men's final on the concluding day of the tournament.

8.00 **The Tea Trail with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer examines the tea industry in eastern Africa, meeting some of the millions of people involved in picking, packing and transporting it to the UK.

9.00 **Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow.** The historian and his team conclude their re-creation of the pioneering 280-mile expedition through the natural wonder that was led by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869.

10.00 **FILM: Let Me In (2010).** Premiere. Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Kodi Smit-McPhee.

11.50 **Snooker: The Masters.** Stuart Bingham v John Higgins.

12.40am Snooker Extra. 2.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 3.35 Sign Zone: Holby City. 4.35 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. 10.30 Murder, She Wrote. 11.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.35 Inside the National Trust. 12.35pm The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 1.35 Catchphrase. 2.20 Splash! 3.50 All Star Mr & Mrs. 4.50 The Chase: Celebrity Special. 5.50 ITV News Anglia;** Weather.

6.00 **ITV News and Weather.**

6.15 **Dancing on Ice.** Another seven celebrities take to the ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley host.

7.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Paul Potts and Ann Widdecombe.

8.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.** Two more couples leave the competition.

9.00 **It'll Be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst.** Compilation of clangers from the programme's history.

10.00 **ITV News at Ten and Weather;** Weather.

10.15 **Birds of a Feather.**

10.45 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Mary Berry.** The Great British Bake Off judge looks back on her life and career.

11.45 **River Monsters.**

12.10am The Store. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.10am The Hoobs. 7.00 Will & Grace. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.25 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm How I Met Your Mother. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. 2.25 The Simpsons. 3.30 FILM: 27 Dresses (2008). Romantic comedy, starring Katherine Heigl and James Marsden. **5.40 Deal or No Deal.**

6.35 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast.** Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty present dishes for the weekend from their cafe on Southend Pier, joined by guests including athlete Usain Bolt, who prepares jerk pork.

8.00 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The racing fan aims to fly the fastest man-powered aircraft in the world.

9.00 **FILM: Fast Five (2011).** Premiere. A fugitive assembles a team of criminals for a heist in Rio, but the FBI's top manhunter is on their trail. Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson.

11.35 **FILM: End of Days (1999).** Supernatural thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.40am Southland. 2.25 Coming Up: Sink or Swim. 2.50 How Not to Get Old. 3.45 Secret Eaters. 4.40 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 5.35 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.10 Power Rangers: Super Samurai. 10.45 Slugterra. 11.05 Access. 11.10 Celebrity Big Brother. 12.10pm World's Worst Holiday Horrors. 1.15 FILM: Holes (2003). Family adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf. **3.30 FILM: Space Jam (1996).** Live action and animated comedy, with Michael Jordan. **5.10 5 News Weekend. 5.15 FILM: Loch Ness (1996).** Family drama, starring Ted Danson.

7.05 **FILM: My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006).** An insecure superhero is outraged at being dumped by her boyfriend, and in revenge uses her powers to make his life a misery. Fantasy, starring Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson.

9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of BB life.

10.00 **FILM: The Switch (2010).** Comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman.

11.55 **Hens Behaving Badly.** A bride-to-be's night is threatened by bickering bridesmaids.

12.55am SuperCasino. 3.05 My Depression Diaries: Kerry Katona. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

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What's hot on the property market

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Upware **£68,950**

This is a stunning cottage circa 1910 set in grounds of 1/4 acres (stms). The property offers a lounge, dining room, three bedrooms, double garage and parking, Viewing is highly recommended. EPC E

Prickwillow NEW! O.I.E.O £195,000

This unique individual Eco Home built in 2008. The property offers a kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom to master and gardens. A seperate detached bungalow offering rental income.

Prickwillow NEW! O.I.E.O £380,000

A Building plot on 1/4 acre (stms) with outline planning permission for 2 detached dwellings. Please note; exempt from CIL payment as replacing previous buildings. Planning Ref; 13/00477/RMA.

Littleport Reduced O.I.E.O £140,000

A detached bungalow offering lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, conservatory, bathroom, two bedrooms, garage and gardens. The property has far reaching views to front. EPC G

Soham OIEO £215,000

A two bedroom coach house offering open plan lounge/kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, separate bathroom, garage and parking. Chain free. EPC TBC

Soham NEW! O.I.E.O £130,000

A semi detached house offering, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, 2/3 bedrooms, fully enclosed rear garden, drive to front. CHAIN FREE. EPC E

Queen Adelaide NEW! £175,000

We are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £124,950 for 90 Guntons Close, Soham, CB7 5DN. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact William H Brown before exchange of contracts. EPC E

Soham NEW! £124,950

A one bedroom park home for the over 45's, offering lounge, dining room, bedroom, bathroom, gardens & parking. EPC Exempt

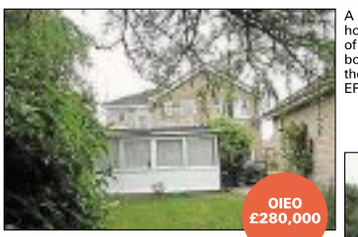
Witchford NEW! O.I.E.O £50,000

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2014 10AM - 11.30AM. A unique & stunning Grade II listed windmill with attached accommodation offering. EPC E

Pymoor **£530,000**

WANTED - More properties required in this location as we have HOT BUYERS looking for a property similar. Please call 01353 663311 to book your FREE valuation. EPC B

Soham OIEO £170,000



A detached four bedroom home located in the village of Aldreth the property boasts amazing views to the rear from the balcony. EPC D

Aldreth OIEO £280,000

A spacious detached bungalow offering lounge/dining room, reception room/bedroom three. kitchen/breakfast room, 2 double bedrooms, delightful gardens to 3 sides, garage and parking. CHAIN FREE. EPC E

OIEO £320,000

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OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2014 11AM - 12PM. A delightful detached two bedroom cottage located in Isleham. EPC E

Isleham OIEO £180,000

A superb four bedroom detached property close to Ely centre. The property boast a spacious lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, garden room, bathroom, cloakroom, garage & gardens. EPC F

Ely **£399,995**

A semi detached house offering a lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, three bedrooms, cloakroom, parking and gardens 150' long (stms). CHAIN FREE.

Sutton **£160,000**

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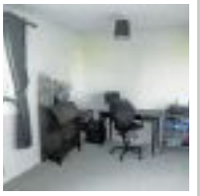

Soham **£75,000**

- End Of Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Street Parking
- Enclosed Garden
- Suitable For Family
- Share Of Freehold
- Viewing Highly Recommended
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Littleport **£250,000**

- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
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Little Downham Offers Over £375,000

- Detached Home
- Desirable Village of Little Downham
- Extensive Garden
- Four Bedrooms

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Littleport **Offers Over £230,000**

- Originally Two Cottages
- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Accommodation
- Kitchen, Sitting & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Generous Garden
- Outbuilding & Double Garage

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Littleport **£250,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Garages
- Kitchen/Diner
- Sitting Room

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Little Downham Offers Over £200,000

- Sought After Location
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room & Kitchen

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Littleport **£200,000**

- Site area approx. 1.2 acres (STMS)
- Full Planning Permission for 5 detached family homes

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Welney **Offers Over £170,000**

- Greatly Improved
- uPVC Cladding & Double Glazing
- Good Decorative Order Throughout
- Detached Bungalow

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Ely **£170,000**

- Freehold Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Time Buyer
- Off Street Parking

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Littleport **£170,000**

- Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Off Road Parking

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Chatteris **Offers Over £160,000**

- Modern Family Home
- Set Over Three Floors
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

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March **Offers Over £150,000**

- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Sitting Room & Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway

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Chatteris **Offers Over £110,000**

- Detached Cottage
- Ideal Investment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage

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Littleport **Offers Over £90,000**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Off Road Parking

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Soham **Offers Over £80,000**

- Ground Floor Apartment
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The Good Life £275,000
Pymoor EPC E

f you are looking for the good life, then book to view this delightful three bedroom detached farmhouse style cottage. Set on a good size plot, in a semi rural location, our sellers keep chickens, pigeons and have dogs! Ref: 8698

Detached Farmhouse Style Cottage
Three Double Bedrooms
En-Suite To Master
Lounge With Open Fireplace
Ample Off Road Parking
Semi Rural Location

An opportunity not to be missed!

Guide Price £240,000 - £250,000
Speedy Sale
Ely EPC C
A top price achieved very quickly leaving our vendor delighted and other buyers disappointed. Ref: 8748
Now could be the best time to sell your home!

Guide Price £150,000 - £160,000
Another Happy Seller
Little Downham EPC D
A great price in a short space of time meaning our sellers can move and secure their new home. Ref: 8716
Call us now to book your valuation!

Guide Price £165,000 - £175,000
Calling All Young Professionals
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This two double bedroom end of terrace property is modern and well presented. Ref: 8457
Move in and enjoy!

Born Again £127,000
Littleport EPC D
Amazing refurbished two/three bedroom apartment, set over two floors, with garage and parking. Beautifully upgraded throughout with lots of natural light. Ref: 8715
Ready to move in and enjoy!

Guide Price £130,000 - £140,000
Ready And Waiting
Littleport EPC E
Our sellers loved both the external and internal space when they bought this house. Ref: 8633
Move straight in!

Guide Price £340,000 - £350,000
Far From The Ordinary
Soham EPC D
Designed by our seller, this attractive four bedroom detached property has potential and versatility. Ref: 8677
Dial now to book your viewing!

Guide Price
£205,000 - £215,000
Not To Be Missed
Ely
EPC C

Situated on a popular development in West Ely A three bedroom family home overlooking the play park and close to Ely St Johns school. Our sellers love the location and outlook and have enjoyed this home immensely... we do not expect this property to remain available for long. Ref: 8759

View before it's too late!

Guide Price
£600,000 - £625,000
Loaded With Charm
Haddenham
EPC F

Dating back to the 1600's, this Grade II Listed Cottage has had a number of uses over the years and oozes charm and character both inside and out. You will step back in time as you meander from room to room! Set in a 'U' shape, there's lots of versatility within. Ref: 8573

Take a chance, view today!

Tucked Away £160,000
Sutton EPC C
Modern two bedroom double fronted home in the Village of Sutton. Ref: 8018

You've got to see this!

Guide Price £200,000 - £210,000
Light And Bright
Haddenham EPC E
The current owner chose this house for its bright and airy feel, with front and rear patio doors. Ref: 8277
Let's get you round!

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Guide Price 60,000 - £70,000
Beginners Luck
Soham EPC G
This one bedroom first floor apartment has its own entrance and parking but needs some tlc. Ref: 8733
View before it's to late!

Guide Price £150,000 - £160,000
Perfect Location
Haddenham EPC E
This two bedroom semi detached bungalow is nestled within a cul-de-sac of similar bungalows. Ref: 8678
What is there not to like?

Guide Price £280,000 - £290,000
No School Run Here
Soham EPC D
Beautifully presented and with lots of natural light this four bedroom detached house in impressive! Ref: 8544
Come fall in love with this!

Guide Price £320,000
Gardeners Paradise
Ely EPC E
A fantastic three bedroom bungalow in the City of Ely. If its space you are after then look no further. Ref: 8712
Is this for you?

Guide Price £175,000 - £185,000
A Home To Cherish
Littleport EPC C
Our sellers fell in love with this three bedroom semi detached house the moment they stepped through the door because of its abundance of natural light, its spacious rooms and fabulous location. Ref: 8737

Semi Detached House	Kitchen/Diner
Three Bedrooms	En Suite To Master
Cloakroom	Garage

Open house event to be held between 12 - 1 on Saturday 11th January!

Guide Price
£340,000 - £350,000
A Dream Home
Prickwillow
EPC C
Prepare to be wowed as you step into this magnificent four bedroom detached family home. Designed by our seller with space and natural light in mind. The minute you walk through the entrance door into the spacious hall, you will immediately know that you belong. Ref: 8724
This could be your dream home!

Investor Alert £80,000
Soham EPC D
This one bedroom ground floor apartment is situated in the heart of Soham close to local amenities with two off street parking spaces. Ref: 8586
No onward chain!

Guide Price £160,000 - £170,000
Warmth And Charm
Haddenham EPC G
Charming two bedroom semi detached cottage with an exposed brick open firplace and field views. Ref: 8602
The full package!

Guide Price £185,000 - £195,000
A Happy Home
Little Downham EPC D
Tucked away in a corner this happy home is looking for a new family to take ownership. Ref: 8593
Come and take ownership!

Guide Price £125,000 - £135,000
Five-Star Value
Soham EPC D
Three bedroom semi detached home offering value for money with space and potential. Ref: 8708
Ideal for first time or investment buyers!

Guide Price
£155,000 - £165,000
Perfectly Located
Ely
EPC TBC
Set within the grounds of the old workhouse this ground floor two bedroom apartment is centrally located for the amenities on offer within Ely with allocated parking and modern day open plan living. Quirky shaped walls seem to be the theme which adds charm and character throughout. Ref: 8725
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LT DOWNHAM £235,000

NEW

- Established detached house
- Tastefully presented throughout
- 4 bedrooms
- Well fitted kitchen b'fast room
- Lounge thro dining room
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and ample parking

ELY £237,950

NEW

- Established semi
- Excellent location for town and schooling
- 4 bedrooms
- Kitchen/dining room
- Downstairs cloaks/shower
- Lounge
- Long driveway and garage
- EPC Rating D

LITTLEPORT £495,000

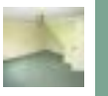
- Individual detached property
- Centrally located
- 4 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- 3 reception rooms
- Triple garage
- 1 bed annexe
- EPC Rating C

MARCH £385,000

- Stunning townhouse
- Centrally located
- 6 bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms
- Impressive entrance hall
- Kitchen and utility
- Detached outbuilding and garage
- EPC Rating D

WITCHFORD £179,950

- Modern end terraced house
- Kitchen/dining room
- Lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage and garden
- Cosmetic updating required
- EPC Rating C

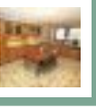


COVENEY £295,000

- Established detached bungalow
- Semi rural location with views over open fields
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge and dining room
- Detached double garage and attractive landscaped gardens
- EPC Rating E

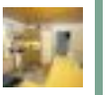
WICKEN £695,000

- Substantial detached house
- Picturesque village location overlooking village pond
- Grounds of approx 0.88 acres
- 4 double bedrooms
- 2 en-suites and family bathroom
- 4 reception rooms
- EPC Rating C



LITTLEPORT £399,950

- Substantial Edwardian home
- Centrally located
- Fitted kitchen b'fast room
- 3 reception rooms
- En-suite to master
- Utility and cloakroom
- Garage and workshop
- EPC E



MANEA £345,000

- Substantial detached house
- Cul-de-sac location
- 4 reception rooms
- Well fitted kitchen
- 5 double bedrooms
- 2 En-suites
- Good size rear garden
- EPC Rating D

HADDENHAM £300,000

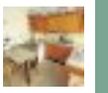
- Charming detached cottage
- Non estate location
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Large dining room
- Conservatory
- Established garden and parking
- EPC Rating F

ELY £134,950

- Modern purpose built apartment
- Popular location
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT £249,950

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Situated on a good size plot with potential
- Cul de sac location
- 3 bedrooms
- Sitting room with fireplace
- Fitted kitchen
- Garage and mature gardens
- EPC Rating D



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Littleport £550 pcm

Modern two bed 'coach house' style flat offering low maintenance easy to run living located just a short walk from the Town centre offering many local shops and facilities. Offers excellent access to the A10 and a mainline rail station (Kings Lynn/Kings Cross). Gas central heating, large single garage and allocated parking.
Available 28/02/14 TBC - Unfurnished - Deposit £775 - EPC Rating: B

Coveney £675 pcm

Converted 3 bedroom former barn located in a picturesque location with modern conveniences on its doorstep. Excellent road access to Ely, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Newmarket and Kings Lynn.
Available Now - Unfurnished - Deposit £1025 - EPC

Littleport £795 pcm

Beautifully presented and deceptively spacious extended detached three bed bungalow offering flexible layout. Ideal for commuting with rail station on Kings Lynn/Kings Cross line and the A10.
Available Now Unfurnished Deposit £1200 - EPC

Newmarket £700 pcm

Immaculately presented, low maintenance, easy to run two bedroom modern semi-detached home with open plan living to the ground floor. Located in the market town of Newmarket, just a short walk from the main centre. With driveway parking, GCH and spacious enclosed rear garden.
Available 10/01/2014 - Unfurnished - Deposit £1050 - EPC Rating: B

Ely £875 pcm

Modern three double bedroom townhouse located within catchment of Spring Meadow/St. Marys schools. Offering easy access to the City, A10 and mainline rail station service between Kings Cross/Kings Lynn. Boasting impressive master suite with king size bedroom, dressing area and ensuite and offering enclosed rear garden and garage.
Available 16/12/2013 (TBC) - Unfurnished - Deposit: £1300 - EPC Rating: C

Cottenham £1,300 pcm

Modern, well-presented, neutrally decorated, spacious, four bedroom detached town house is located in well served village offering both primary and secondary schooling and excellent transport links. Boasts exceptionally flexible living which really needs to be seen to appreciate the scope, including two ensuites, garage and landscaped garden.
Available 08/01/2014 - Part Furnished - Deposit £1950 - Energy Rating: C

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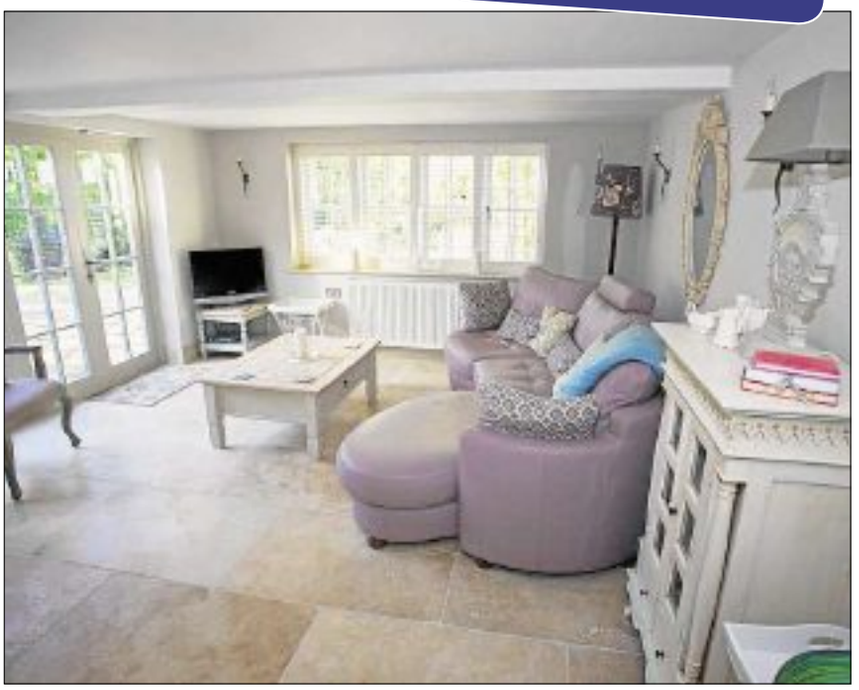
Isleham: £695,000

- £695,000
- Detached
- Four to five bedrooms
- En suite shower
- Cellar

THIS four to five bedroom detached period farmhouse in Isleham is on the market with a guide price of £695,000. It has a spacious reception hall, a garden room, downstairs shower room, study, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room/family room, cellar, sitting room and a drawing room which could also serve as a fifth bedroom. Upstairs is a master bedroom with en suite shower room, a further bedroom with en suite shower, two more bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside is a walled front garden and a large, hedged rear garden with terraced and lawn areas, shrubs, trees and a timber garden store. For further information contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.



Ely: £399,995

THIS four bedroom detached house, close to the centre of Ely, is on the market for £399,995. It has a spacious lounge, a dining room, a study and family room, a kitchen/breakfast room and a garden room. Upstairs are four bedrooms, a bathroom and a cloakroom. Outside the property has a garage, off-road parking and gardens.

Viewing can be arranged by telephoning William H Brown on (01353) 663311.

Prickwillow: £340,000–£350,000

AN individually-designed four bedroom detached family home in Old Bank, Prickwillow, is on the market with a guide price of £340,000 to £350,000. On the ground floor is an entrance hall, bathroom, lounge, family room, office, kitchen/diner, utility room and bedroom, while on the first floor there is a master bedroom with en suite shower room, another bedroom with en suite shower room and a third bedroom. Outside there is a small rear courtyard garden, with the main garden to one side of the property, laid mainly to lawn with patio area. There is also ample off-road parking.

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Soham £93,000

We are pleased to offer for sale this terraced house which is ideal for FTB or investment buyers with accommodation comprising hall, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and allocated parking. EPC Rating D

Soham £139,995

Semi detached house with accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms. The property benefits from gas central heating and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D.

Fordham £195,000

Semi detached bungalow with accommodation comprising, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom and benefits from driveway and garage as well as enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D

Soham £108,000

Semi detached house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom and allocated parking space. No onward chain. EPC Rating E.

Soham £650

Mid terraced cottage overlooking the common in Soham offering lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property benefits from electric heating and rear garden. EPC Rating E. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £550

Two bedroom first floor flat situated close to the town centre. Price includes water rates. Available from beginning February. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

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Soham £1,150

Semi detached house with garage and comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, three bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom, bathroom, enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £575

Mid terraced house with accommodation comprising kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and a bathroom and benefits from double glazing and allocated parking. EPC Rating D. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Churchgate Street, Soham £475

First floor flat with lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. EPC Rating E. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £625

Two bedroom house close to town centre with kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and courtyard garden. No parking. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £665

Top floor flat with accommodation comprising kitchen, lounge/dining room, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gch and allocated parking space. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £695

End terraced house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, cloakroom, two double bedrooms, garden and allocated parking. Sorry no benefits or pets. EPC rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

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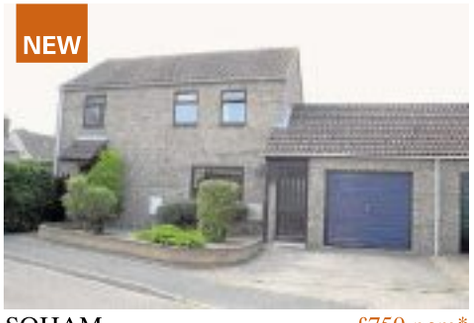

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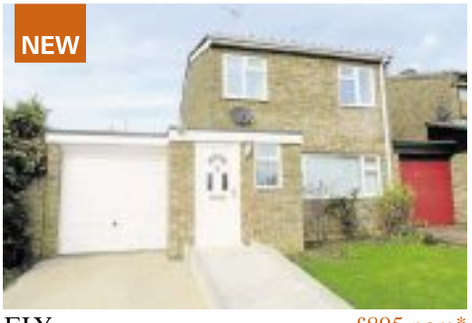
Detached 3 bedroom house with gas central heating, garden, garage and parking. EPC: D



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Stretham: £275,000

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It has an entrance hallway, downstairs cloakroom, lounge and dining room as well as three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

There is also a single garage, parking and an enclosed rear garden.

Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

PropertyNEWS

Choose a regulated agent

MARIA Morgan of Platinum Properties, a qualified member of the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA), with over 11 years hands-on lettings experience understands how devastating it can be for landlords who put their trust into a letting agency, pay them a monthly management fee for a service and then discover that promises haven't been met, they are paying more than they believe or, worst of all, they disappear with rent and the tenant's deposit. Here Maria highlights matters to consider when choosing an agent.

With the recent case where one lettings agency was found to be charging 12.5% commission on top of their contactors' invoices without declaring it, research carried out by Happy Tenant Company found some agencies were making profits of up to 600% via similar unscrupulous practices. They reported that agents charge an average £935 for seven basic services: tenant references, deposit protection, inventories, producing a tenancy agreement, gas safety checks, energy performance certificates and cleaning. Jonathan Monjack, Happy Tenant Company Chief Executive, told of the worst case they came across: an inventory clerk who was paying an agent secret commission of 60% of the cost, on top of the markup made to contractor fees when recharging costs to landlords.

There have also been several stories of agents going bankrupt, losing client money. Landlords may not be aware that there are schemes to hold deposits; some where it is held by the scheme and some by the agent. An agent may use a deposit protection scheme that allows them to hold it with no insurance against loss (a recent example cited the myDeposits scheme). With such schemes the landlord is left exposed if the agent goes bankrupt, with it falling to them to repay the tenant's deposit, costing them, in some cases, thousands. Platinum Properties is pleased to be able to say that it is 100% transparent when it comes to costs for both landlords and tenants, which are kept to a minimal fair level that allows them to run their business successfully and exceed client expectations. Platinum Properties use a custodial deposit scheme to ensure that they have the utmost protection at all times, protecting both our landlords' and tenants' interests at the highest level.The lettings industry still has no compulsory regulation, but there are many voluntary organisations that push for compulsory regulation for all letting agents to ensure industry standards are raised.

ARLA is probably the largest and most well known of these. Platinum Properties is proud to be a voluntary licensed member of the ARLA and The Property Ombudsman assuring you of their commitment to the highest industry standards. Why would an agent not be an ARLA member? You wouldn't use a surgeon without the correct qualifications, skills and assurances and the same theory should be applied when choosing a letting agent to manage your precious investment. It is vital that landlords and tenants understand the risks involved and the importance of using an agent that delivers on promises, and voluntarily puts itself forward for regulation to ensure it can prove that it holds its clients' interests in the highest regard. When choosing an agent, do your homework, ask what scheme they belong to for holding deposits and how they are held, if they are a member of ARLA and have client money protection insurance and if their staff are also ARLA qualified: check ARLA's website.

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CHATTERIS

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£280,000

CHATTERIS

Three bedroom detached property, being sold with the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, , Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Garage, Workshop, Garden. EPC - E

£155,000

CHATTERIS

A 3 bedroom, semi-detached family home in a popular location close to all local amenities. The property comprises; Cloakroom, lounge/diner, recently fitted kitchen and gardens to the front and rear. Allocated parking. EPC - TBA

£129,995

CHATTERIS

Well presented detached cottage in Chatteris. The property comprises; lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, 2 double bedrooms with en-suite to master. Recently decorated. Double glazed. EPC - E

£100,000

MARCH

A family home refurbished to a high standard comprising: newly fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms with en-suite to master and family bathroom, Ample parking and 2 acres of land. EPC - C.

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CHATTERIS

Well situated double fronted shop with a four bedroom terraced house to rear. House comprises; Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Dinning room. Shop situated in Chatteris High street. EPC - F

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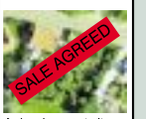

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In-car FM radio gets reprieve (thank goodness!)

THE Government has delayed switching off FM transmitters in favour of digital radio.

The move comes as the Government admits more needs to be done to convince radio users to switch to DAB digital radio instead of sticking with FM.

Ed Vaizey, the Communications Minister, said: "We have to support digital radio, but we also respect people's passion for radio and not being made to do something they don't want to."

At present, digital radio accounts for about a third (36.5 per cent) of all radio listening, but take up has been lower among car drivers used to FM. The Government has said that until digital radio listening accounts for more than half of all radio listeners it cannot justify switching off the FM transmitters.

DAB RADIO: Technical glitches and take-up delays have consigned it to the back burner

Many car companies now offer DAB digital radio as standard or an option in its cars and they are working with the Government to reach a workable solution. It's hoped half of all new cars sold in 2014 will be fitted with DAB digital radio.

However, millions of older cars do not have digital radio fitted and it's estimated 95 per cent of all cars on UK roads do not have digital access. All cars with a radio can be converted to receive digital stations with the use of an adapter.

TRACKER: A SmartWitness camera

SmartWitness starts to make a lot of sense as insurance policy

DRAMATIC SmartWitness footage shows the moment three vehicles narrowly avoid a head-on collision due to the reckless overtaking manoeuvre of one driver.

The video illustrates the dangerous driving on our roads every day – and why vehicle cameras are such a vital safeguard for both fleet managers and private motorists.

A white car is caught on camera attempting to overtake a lorry on a quiet country road. The driver fails to spot an oncoming vehicle and a horrific three-way smash is only avoided by the narrowest of margins.

In this case, the driver of the white car did at least pull over after the incident. He could easily have been prosecuted for dangerous driving.

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JCW CONCEPT: Closer to production than you might think

Mini ready with John Cooper Works star to kickstart new year

FOR the influential Detroit Motor Show this month, Mini has stepped up its new product offensive with the unveiling of a new concept.

The John Cooper Works Concept is, in reality, closer to production-ready status than you think. Aimed at showcasing the hot version of the firm's latest generation three-door hatch, itself treated to a global reveal in November, at this stage the focus is on cosmetic changes.

There's no official word on performance yet, so we'll have to make do with what we can see, and the John Cooper Works Concept sports a bespoke front and rear bumper complete with purposeful air intakes at the front. Black grilles fore and aft are decorated with Mini's trademark red flashes, while a sizeable roof spoiler, chunky 18-inch alloy wheels plus centre exit tailpipes complete the look.

You can expect more details, specifically regarding the production car's performance credentials, as Mini makes them available.

Crown Honda event is on Saturday

IT happens every year, that lull and anticlimax after Christmas and New Year celebrations are finished. You're wondering what to do to entertain your bored little ones, and there's not a lot to look forward to until the arrival of those first few buds of spring. Well, the friendly people at Crown Garage are planning an event that will shake you and your family out of those winter blues.

Your local Honda main dealership on Soham High Street is holding a 'VIP experience day' on this Saturday and they've arranged all sorts of attractions to entice you.

The experience starts with the red carpet treatment and continues inside with a full roulette and the chance to win many prizes including a Honda lawnmower.

For the children there's an exciting S2000 car experience ride, a complimentary nail bar for mums and daughters and golf lessons from a professional golfing instructor who will be on hand and available to help you practice and perfect your swing.

Possibly the most exciting entertainment can be had on the state-of-the-art racing F1 simulator that will be present all day. So why not set your pulse racing by having a go?

There's also the opportunity to take a ride and drive with a professional driving instructor from the 'Drive It Home' Road Safety Campaign.

Of course, the biggest stars of this VIP experience are the desirable cars that make up today's Honda range, models such as the New Civic, CRV and Jazz and the all new Civic Tourer.

Crown Garage have had another strong year of sales and this is partly down to the superb finance and aftersales packages and all cars ordered this weekend are eligible for Honda's new package called FIVE. Five years servicing, five years warranty and five years Honda Assistance. Another reason for Honda's sales success is the strength of its fine product range which is highly regarded for its excellent build quality, reliability and cutting edge style and design.

You'll find the entire Honda car range at Crown Garage Honda along with an excellent selection of Honda Approved used cars, all of which have to meet exemplary standards to become Honda manufacturer approved. They now have over 75 used cars to choose from.

Crown Garage's VIP experience on Saturday 11th January will be a terrific opportunity to discover the Honda range for yourself. What's more, you'll find some extra special deals available on the day. So why not place this date in your diary as the friendly sales team is planning fun activities for everyone. They'll be delighted to book a test drive* for you, on the day or arranged for a later date.

You'll find your local Honda car main dealer, Crown Garage, at 1-5 High Street, Soham. Find out more in advance by calling (01353) 720779.

Just at a time when many businesses are retrenching due to the current economic situation, Crown Garage has actually expanded with the opening of its new Honda dealership in Kings Lynn which opened in March 2013. This positive situation has been brought about by those aforementioned healthy sales and the company's enviable reputation for delivering complete customer satisfaction.

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Model Shown: Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £16,995 On The Road. **Terms and Conditions:** New retail Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S registered from 2 January 2014 to 31 March 2014. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** *£209 per month example shown based on Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £17,495 total cash price including 5 Year Care Plan at £500 (and total amount payable) with 37 months 0% APR Representative (interest rate per annum 0% fixed) with £3,812.69 (22%) deposit, Guaranteed Future Value / Optional Final Payment of £6,158.38, annual mileage of 10,000 and excess mileage charge: 5p per mile. You do not have to pay the Final Payment if you return the car at the end of the agreement and you have paid all other amounts due, the vehicle is in good condition and has been serviced in accordance with the Honda service book and the maximum annual mileage has not been exceeded. Indemnities may be required in certain circumstances. Finance is only available to persons aged 18 or over, subject to status. All figures are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change. Credit provided by Honda Finance Europe Plc. 470 London Road, Slough, Berkshire SL3 8QY. **The 5 Year Care Package includes: Servicing:** All scheduled servicing, as detailed in the vehicles service book, will be covered for 5 years or 62,500 miles, whichever comes first. **Warranty:** In addition to the standard 3 year warranty the customer will receive a complimentary 2 year extended guarantee taking the warranty to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **Roadside Assist:** In addition to the standard 3 years roadside assistance package the customer will receive complimentary Hondacare Assistance for a further 2 years, taking it to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **The 5 Year Care Package:** The 5 Year Care Package is optional. **It is being offered for £500 including VAT** (usual value £1,545 including VAT) and is available to finance or non-finance customers. Please note, should you sell the vehicle during the period of cover, the package remains with the vehicle.

ON SALE: The new 308 is priced from £14,495

Pug's new 308 on sale

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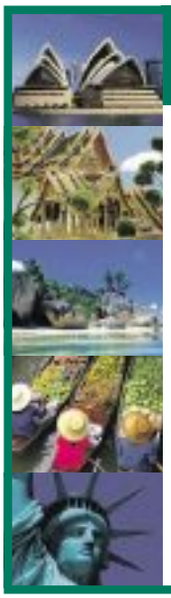

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Please email your CV in the first instance to HR@stmaryscambridge.co.uk or send to: HR, St Mary's School, Bateman Street, Cambridge, CB2 1LY. The closing date for applications is Monday 20th January 2014. Previous applicants for this position need not reapply.

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General Vacancies

THE SHADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Main Scale Salary Part Time

We are looking to appoint an inspiring, innovative and highly motivated Early Years teacher from April 2014, who has a passion for working with young children, their families and the wider community.

The successful candidate must be experienced at working with Pre-School age children and be able to support children to master learning skills that bring a love of learning, achievement, confidence and independence.

They will ensure that the developmental needs of each child are met, working with the revised Early Years Foundation Stage, and also have a passion for this stage of learning.

Early Years Practitioner
salary range £10,261 to £11,254
22.5 hours per week, term time only, plus five training days

We are looking to appoint an inspiring and highly driven Early Years Practitioner for our Pre-School from April 2014. You will need to be experienced at working with Pre-School age children and will have a passion for this stage of learning.

You will work alongside the teacher to ensure that the developmental needs of each child are met, working with the revised Early Years Foundation Stage.

In turn, we can offer you the opportunity to work alongside other outstanding Early Years professionals within the Staploe Education Trust and to support the school and its local community as it grows and develops.

For an informal conversation or a visit to the school, please contact the school office on 01353 612948 or at office@shade.cambs.sch.uk. Further details of these positions can be found at www.staploeeducationtrust.org under The Shade/vacancies. Alternatively, please contact Gemma Satchell, HR Coordinator at recruitment@soham-college.org.uk.

Closing date for applications is midday, **Monday 20 January 2014.**
Completed applications should be returned to Gemma Satchell, HR Coordinator – SET at recruitment@soham-college.org.uk

Interviews will be held on Friday 24 January 2014.

Staploe Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, and medical checks.

Staploe Education Trust. Executive Headteacher Dr Carin Taylor
Schools in our Trust: Soham Village College; Kennett Primary School; The Shade Primary School ©LW

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The positions we are seeking to fill are as follows:

COMMIS CHEF

This position would be ideal for a recently qualified chef but above all we require a motivated team player with a genuine ambition to be the best. The successful applicant will have a broad range of cooking skills and will hold at least City and Guilds Levels 1 and 2 or NVQ in Professional Cookery or its equivalent. The salary will be in the range of £16,000.

CHEF DE PARTIE

To work in a shift of three chefs. Wider responsibilities will include fridge management, menu planning and ordering supplies. The successful applicant will be qualified to NVQ3 or City and Guilds 706/1 and 706/2 or equivalent and Basic Food Hygiene. An intermediate food hygiene qualification is desirable but not essential. The salary will be in the region of £20,172 according to qualifications and experience.

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Application forms and job descriptions are available from the Assistant to the Director of College Services, Christ's College, Cambridge CB2 3BU, by telephone on 01223-334904, by e-mail agb43@cam.ac.uk or on the College website at www.christs.cam.ac.uk/college-life/vacancies/

The closing date for applications for these posts is 12.00 on 20th January 2014. It is anticipated that short-listed candidates will be called for interview on 28th January 2014.

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General Vacancies

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Children's Support Worker - part time, 30 hours per week

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The right person will be offered a high level of job satisfaction and a starting salary of £19,415 p.a. (£23,945 p.a. full time equivalent) plus a 5% pension contribution

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The post is based in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and is initially offered as a fixed term post for two years

If you have relevant experience of working with children and young people and hold a relevant qualification equal to a NVQ level 3 we would like to hear from you.

Please email admin@cambridgewa.org.uk for further details and an application pack (no agencies please)

Completed applications must be received by 20th January 2014

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St Catharine's College Cambridge

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Closing date for applications is Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 12 noon with interviews expected to take place in the week beginning 27th January 2014.

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Tel: 01223 417335 Email: kcoles@wea.org.uk

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Football: Thurlow Nunn League

Diaper's late strike earns Robins a point

ALAN Alsop was left with mixed emotions as Ely were held to a 3-3 draw at home to fellow Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division strugglers Thetford Town.

Austen Diaper's late equaliser ensured it finished honours even after Thetford had taken the lead heading into the final 10 minutes.

It was the first point Ely have picked up at the Unwin Ground all season, but manager Alsop was left frustrated after his side let a two-goal lead at the interval slip.

"It really was a game of two halves," said Alsop.

"In the first half we were totally and utterly in control, playing really well and we put them under pressure.

"We were comfortable and on top, but in the second half it was totally different.

"This is why I think it's a confidence thing with us. We played well for the first 10 minutes of the second half, but they got one back and we've gone to pieces.

"When they got two quick goals and made it 3-2, I'm thinking, 'here we go again'.

"That was two points dropped for me because it was a game we should have won, but it's also our first point at home."

A succession of early corners eventually paid off for Ely when James Seymour headed home one from Lewis McDonald.

Ben Lawrence bundled the ball home for Ely's second soon after and they were still 2-0 up when the half-time whistle sounded.

Substitute Steve Harley got Thetford on the board before a Luke Catchpole double saw the visitors edge ahead eight minutes from time.

Diaper struck with a minute of the 90 to go and it proved enough to earn his side a point to end a run of 10 straight home defeats.

Although Alsop felt his team should have taken the win, he was at least pleased they managed to finally snap the losing streak on their own turf.

He added: "One positive we can take is that we are now two games unbeaten.

"If someone had offered me four points from the games against Godmanchester and Thetford I probably would have taken them.

"We've got Wivenhoe up next and at the very least that is a must-not-lose game for us."

Match action: Above – Ben Lawrence scores. Below – Ely forced a number of corners.

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Netball

Celebrations: City of Ely juniors enjoyed victory over Royston.

Happy new year for City stars

A NEW year win was secured by City of Ely with a resounding 44-25 victory over MI7.

Jess Cowen made her debut and worked effortlessly with shooting duo Jenny Tovey and Kim Nurse.

City took complete control from the opening whistle and by the second half they had blown away their opponents. The result means City stay top of the Cambridgeshire County League while Emma Ayers was awarded player of the match for her impressive display and interceptions at goal keeper.

Great teamwork gave City juniors under-16s an important 28-16 league win against Royston.

New centre-court combination Nadia Searle and Maisy Swan-Taylor immediately clicked to drive the ball to shooters Laura Butcher, who was player of the match, and Rosie McGrath.

City led by seven goals by half time before Royston rallied in the third quarter.

But City's defence also raised their game, Tara Gilbey making important fingertip interceptions to interrupt Royston's attacking flow, Lucy Wilkinson using her speed and agility to pressurise her opponent and Katie Tune unflappable at goal keeper, preventing her player from moving freely.

City prevented their opponents scoring in the last quarter.

Table tennis

Nine hours of fun had at Prickwillow

ELY Table Tennis Club had a record attendance when they hosted their third club members' tournament at Prickwillow Hall.

Players from teams in the recently-expanded four-tier league competition were joined by those who regularly practice at the club.

A wide range of ages enjoyed the highly competitive tournament, which lasted for more than nine hours.

The event again included the popular two-tier handicap matches to help even out the range of abilities, and there were some very close matches in both the singles and doubles events.

In the handicap singles competition, new member Margaret Chambers beat her sister Anne in two closely-fought games.

And Neil Abram and Pedro Rocha were awarded the doubles trophy, with Phil Morris and Anne Chambers being runners-up. Anne Chambers also deservedly won the trophy for the most improved player in the tournament.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the club can call Karen on 01353 664271 or e-mail elytabletennis@gmail.com, with further information on all local clubs at www.elyttl.org.

Finalists: Above – Handicap doubles winners Neil Abram and Pedro Rocha. Below – Runners-up Anne Chambers and Phil Morris.

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Football: Ryman League

Redbridge fall as run carries on

Scorers: Above – Michael Simpson heads home. Below – Luke Stanley celebrates his opener.

STEVE Fallon was in bullish mood after seeing his Soham Town Rangers team demolish Redbridge at a rain-soaked Julius Martin Lane.

The Greens won 4-1 in the Ryman League, North Division match and could have won by an even bigger margin, such was the extent of their dominance.

Michael Simpson scored two goals, with Luke Stanley and substitute Ben Sawyer also on target.

Redbridge's 85th-minute consolation, scored by Eljay Worrell, was the only blot on an otherwise impressive copybook which lifted Soham to second place.

Teams around them have games in hand but only a fool would underestimate Soham's promotion challenge at present. Assured in difficult conditions and strong at both ends of the pitch, the team displayed a real hunger.

It is true that Soham coped better than their opponents with the heavy pitch but to say that was the reason for their victory would understate how much better they were.

"If we can keep the players going, who knows how far we can go," said manager Fallon.

"We're up to second now and we've got to keep pushing on.

"There's still a long way to go. We've had a fantastic run to get where we are and we've got to continue that. At the moment the way the players are playing we can see that continuing.

"It's still a job in hand and hopefully we can produce the same as we did today because at times it was very good."

Saturday's match began with both teams feeling each other out and chances were at a premium, but once Stanley put the home side in front in the 32nd minute with a delicate lob from Buster Harradine's through ball, it was mostly one-way traffic.

Simpson made it 2-0 just three minutes later when a deep free kick caused confusion in the Redbridge penalty area and he bundled the ball home.

His second goal, which arrived five minutes into the second half, had more than a touch of good fortune to it but it was no less than they deserved.

Another dangerous ball was played into the penalty area and as Liam Thomas attempted to clear, the ball struck Simpson and rebounded into the net.

Substitute Sawyer then came on and showed what he could do with some lively runs up front and he staked his claim for a starting place with a powerful header in the 72nd minute.

Soham should have seen the game out from there but they switched off briefly in the closing minutes and Worrell was rewarded for a persistent run when his well-placed shot eluded Soham keeper Enol Ordonez.

But nothing could wipe the smile off the face of Fallon, who was delighted to see the game get the go ahead.

"We played really well today and created lots of chances," added Fallon.

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Rugby union

Tigers bounce back to defeat Woodbridge

ELY recovered from being down at half time to beat Woodbridge Warriors 26-8 in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

The hosts went ahead through an early penalty, but things were all square when Joel Scott Paul kicked another three points.

A neat kick down the blindside was caught by Woodbridge and a good show of hands allowed them to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Before the end of the half, Ely fought their way to the oppositon 22, and when Ricky Neale was the victim of a high tackle, they decided to take the three points from Scott Paul's boot to reduce the arrears to 8-6 at half time.

Conditions improved in the second half to give Ely an advantage, and play was switched inside for full-back Charlie Coupland to touch down in the corner.

The Tigers began to gain momentum, and Duncan Fraser made an impact from the bench with a well-worked try.

The last try of the match came as Ely counter rucked Woodbridge off the ball on the hosts' line, and man-of-the-match Neale received the pass to crash over.

The rest of Ely's points came through the boot of Scott Paul.

Ely are third in the table with 41 points, 10 behind leaders Newmarket.

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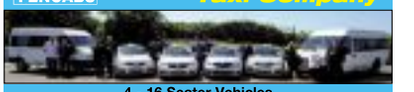
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